



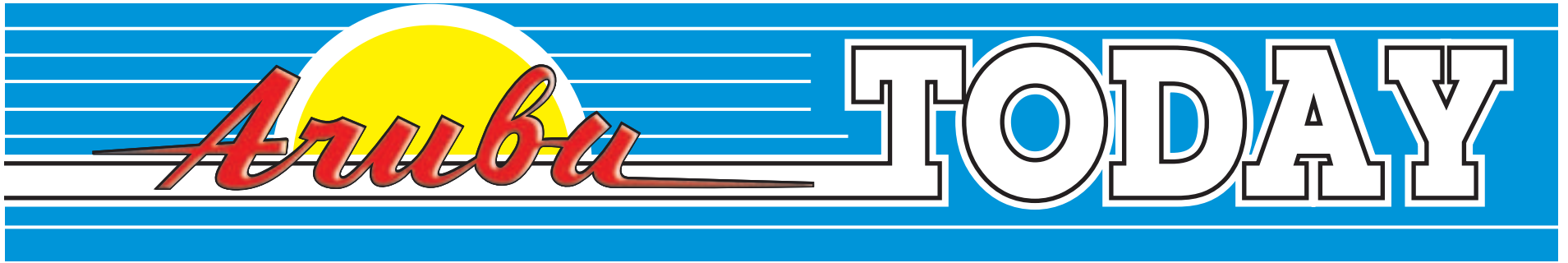
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NATO Summit Ends



President Barack Obama visits Stonehenge after leaving the NATO summit in Newport, Wales, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

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Allies Agree To Take On Islamic State Threat

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NEWPORT, Wales (AP)—The U.S. and 10 of its key allies agreed Friday that the Islamic State group is a significant threat to NATO countries and that they will take on the militants by squeezing their financial resources and going after them with military might. With the Islamic State militants spreading across

eastern Syria and northern and western Iraq, President Barack Obama noted that the moderate Syrian rebels fighting both the group and the government of Bashar Assad are "outgunned and outmanned." In addition to the action pledged by fellow NATO leaders, he pressed Arab allies to reject the "nihilism" projected by the group. The new NATO coalition

will be able to mount a sustained effort to push back the militants, Obama said. The U.S. secretaries of State and Defense, meeting with their counterparts at the international gathering, insisted the Western nations build a plan by the time the U.N. General Assembly meets this month. "I did not get any resistance or pushback to the basic notion that we have a

critical role to play in rolling back this savage organization that is causing so much chaos in the region and is harming so many people and poses a long-term threat to the safety and security of NATO members," Obama said at the summit conclusion. "So there's great conviction that we have to act, as part of the international community, to degrade and ultimately

destroy ISIL, and that was extremely encouraging." Laying out a strategy for Iraq, Obama hinted at a broader military campaign, likening it to the way U.S. forces pushed back al-Qaida along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, taking out the group's leadership, shrinking its territory and pounding at its militant followers.

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To do that, the U.S. used persistent airstrikes, usually by CIA drones.

So far, U.S. airstrikes in Iraq have been largely limited to helping Kurdish forces and protecting refugees. But Obama has set a goal of dismantling and destroying the Islamic State, and said Friday that the U.S. will continue to hunt down the militants just as it did with al-Qaida and with al-Shabab in Somalia.

Secretary of State John Kerry heads to the Middle East next week, and he expects to expand the co-

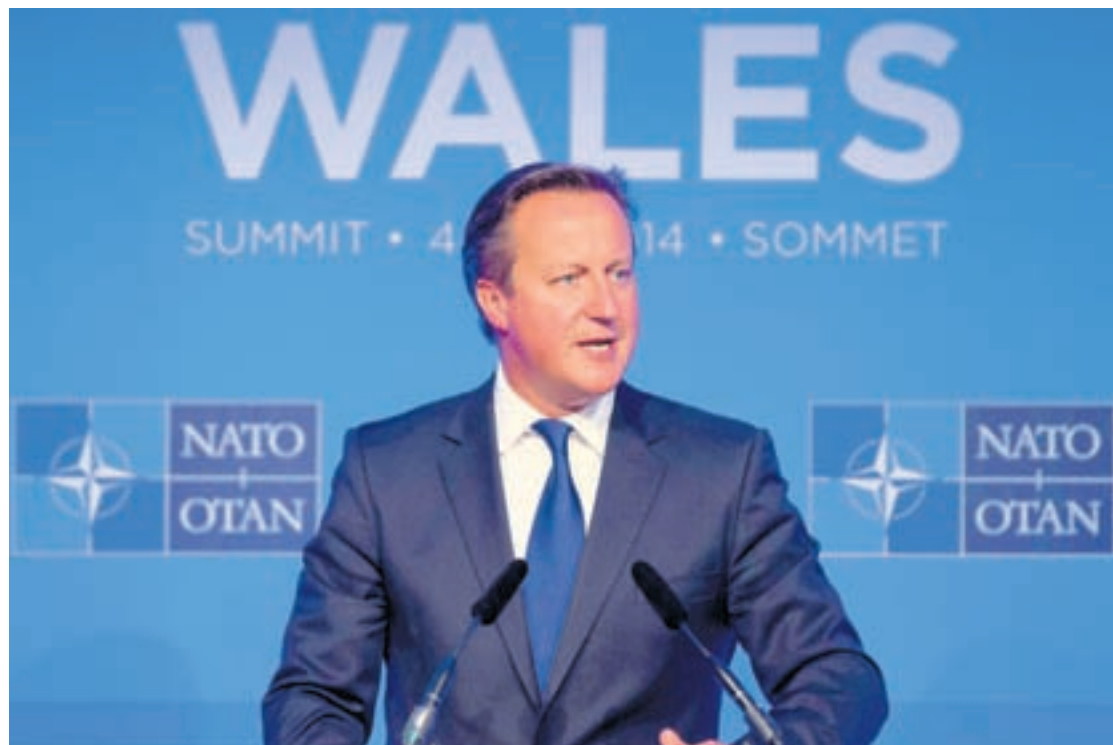
alition beyond Western nations. Said Obama: "I think it is absolutely critical that we have Arab states and specifically Sunni-majority states that are rejecting the kind of extremist nihilism that we're seeing out of ISIL, that say that is not what Islam is about and are prepared to join us actively in the fight."

The Islamic State group espouses a radical form of Sunni Islam and initially invaded Iraq to fight its Shiite government. "What we can accomplish is to dismantle this network, this force that has claimed to control this much territory, so that they can't do us harm," Obama said. He

added that U.S. ground troops in Syria are not needed to accomplish the goal, but instead can work with moderate partners on the ground in the country. "They have been, to some degree, outgunned and outmanned. And that's why it's important for us to work with our friends and allies to support them more effectively," Obama said.

In a meeting with the foreign and defense ministers from the coalition countries, Kerry said leaders need a clear idea about what each country will contribute to the fight. And, while noting that many won't be willing to engage in military

panded. Along with the United States, the coalition comprises the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Germany, Canada, Turkey, Italy, Poland and Denmark. Later, French President Francois Hollande said France was discussing with allies what type of action might be taken. "France is ready to act, but once the political accord is there and in respect to international law," Hollande said. A senior Obama administration official said Thursday that the U.S. wanted to establish a credible ground force in Syria by training more moderate rebels before taking mili-



British Prime Minister David Cameron speaks during a press conference at the end of the NATO summit at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Jon Super)

strikes, he said they can instead provide intelligence, equipment, ammunition or weapons. "We very much hope that people will be as declarative as some of our friends around the table have been in order to be clear about what they're willing to commit, because we must be able to have a plan together by the time we come to (the United Nations General Assembly)," said Kerry. "We need to have this coalesce."

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, sitting alongside Kerry, said the group forms a loose coalition that will be needed to face the insurgent challenge. He said the group can then be ex-

tary action there. A \$500 million request is pending in Congress.

One prong of a Western coalition approach would be for the nations' law enforcement and intelligence agencies to work together to go after the Islamic State's financing — both in banks and more informal funding networks. But as long as the Islamic State has access to millions of dollars a month in oil revenue, it will remain well-funded, U.S. intelligence officials say.

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said NATO has agreed to help coordinate assistance to Iraq. □

Plane with unresponsive pilot crashes off Jamaica

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KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Shadowed much of the way by two U.S. fighter jets, a small plane with an unresponsive pilot flew a ghostly 1,700-mile journey down the East Coast and through Cuban airspace on Friday before finally crashing in the waters off Jamaica. The fate of the pilot and anyone else aboard was not immediately known.

Maj. Basil Jarrett of the Jamaican Defense Force said the plane went down about 14 miles (22 kilometers) northeast of the northern coastal town of Port Antonio and the military sent two aircraft and a dive team to investigate the area where the plane went down. A U.S. C-130 aircraft is also flying over the crash site and a U.S. Coast Guard cutter is on the way, according to Guard Petty Officer Jon-Paul Rios.

"None of us have found anything at this time," Rios said Friday at about 4:40 p.m. EDT.

The plane, which took off at 8:45 a.m. EDT from the Greater Rochester International Airport in New York, was carrying a prominent real estate developer and his wife, the couple's son said.

Rick Glazer said that his parents, Larry and Jane Glazer, were both licensed pilots. He said he can't confirm they were killed, adding that "we know so little."

Larry Glazer ran the development firm Buckingham Properties. He owned the high performance single-engine turboprop Socata TBM700 he was flying and was president of the TBM Owners and Pilots Association and active in Rochester civic affairs.

According to Buckingham's website, "Larry spends some of his spare time on the ground — gardening around his house with his wife, Jane; and some in the sky — flying his plane."

Air traffic controllers were last able to contact the pilot of the plane at 10 a.m. EDT, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. The agency said it had not confirmed the number of people aboard.

The pilot had filed a flight plan with the FAA to fly from Rochester to Naples, Florida. Fighter jets were scrambled at 11:30 a.m. EDT and followed the plane until it reached Cuban airspace, when they peeled off, said Preston Schlachter, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command & US Northern Command. FlightAware, an aviation tracking website, showed the plane over the Caribbean south of Cuba at about 2 p.m. EDT.

It finally came down after flying more than 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers).

FlightAware identified the plane's tail number as N900KN. FAA records show the plane, a model that sells new for \$3.5 million in its standard version, is owned by a company based at the same address as a real estate firm in Rochester.

The Air Force and Transportation Security Administration contacted Rochester airport officials about the plane at about 10:45 a.m., according to Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. The airport referred all inquiries to the FAA.

The incident is the second time in less than a week that private pilot has become unresponsive during a flight. On Saturday, a pilot lost consciousness and his plane drifted into restricted airspace over the nation's capital. Fighter jets were also launched in that case and stayed with the small aircraft until it ran out of fuel and crashed Saturday into the Atlantic. □

U.S. finds old ricin, other germs in labs

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The National Institutes of Health said it has uncovered a nearly century-old container of ricin and a handful of other forgotten samples of dangerous pathogens as it combs its laboratories for improperly stored hazardous materials.

The agency began an intensive investigation of all its facilities after a scientist in July found vials of smallpox dating from the 1950s, along with other contagious viruses and bacteria that had been stored and forgotten in one lab on the NIH's campus.

Friday, the NIH said it found in different facilities small amounts of five improperly stored "select agents," pathogens that must be registered and kept only in certain highly regulated laboratories. All were found in sealed and intact containers, with no evidence that they posed a safety risk to anyone in the labs or surrounding areas, the agency said in a memo to employees. All have been destroyed.

They included a bottle of ricin, a highly poisonous toxin, found in a box with microbes dating from 1914 and thought to be 85 to 100 years old, the memo said. The bottle was labeled as originally containing 5 grams, although NIH doesn't know how much was left.

Ricin has legitimate research uses, the NIH said, but was not studied in this lab.

Also discovered were samples listing pathogens that cause botulism, plague, tularemia and a rare tropical infection called melioidosis.

The NIH does have laboratories that are cleared to use select agents, and those pathogens are regularly inventoried, said NIH director of research services Dr. Alfred Johnson, who oversees agency security and safety issues. □

US confirms death of Somalia terror leader

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

U.S. airstrikes earlier this week killed the leader of the al-Shabab terrorist group in Somalia, the Pentagon said Friday. President Barack Obama said the death of Ahmed Abdi Godane demonstrated U.S. counterterrorism resolve and was an example of his deliberate approach to dismantling al-Qaida affiliated groups.

The Pentagon's press secretary, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby, announced the death in a brief written statement. It took the Pentagon four days to conclusively determine that Godane had not survived Monday's airstrikes.

Al-Shabab has not publicly confirmed Godane's death.

Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud urged al-Shabab militants to renounce violence, saying they have an opportunity to embrace peace following Godane's death.

"While an extreme hardcore may fight over the leadership of al-Shabab, this is a chance for the majority of members of al-Shabab to change course and reject Godane's decision to make them the pawns of an international terror campaign," he said in a statement.

The Somali president said the U.S. operation was car-

ried out "with the full knowledge and agreement of" his government and that Somalis "greatly value the support of our international allies" in the fight against al-Shabab.

Obama, speaking at the conclusion of a NATO summit in Newport, Wales, told reporters the success against al-Shabab should

a host of Islamic State targets including an observation post, an armed vehicle and three mortar positions. Obama faces mounting pressure to take more aggressive military action against the Islamic State, which evolved from an al-Qaida affiliate that sprouted in Iraq in 2004.

"We have been very sys-

U.S. officials had said after the strike on Monday that U.S. special operations forces using manned and drone aircraft had destroyed an encampment and a vehicle using several Hellfire missiles and laser-guided munitions. But they did not confirm that Godane had been killed until Friday.



Pentagon press secretary Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby speaks during a briefing at the Pentagon. U.S. airstrikes earlier this week killed the leader of the al-Shabab terrorist group in Somalia, the Pentagon confirmed Friday. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

leave no doubt about his determination to degrade and eventually destroy the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. The U.S. military announced later Friday that a mix of fighter jets, drones, attack planes and bombers launched four airstrikes Thursday and Friday in northern Iraq, destroying

tematic and methodical in going after these kinds of organizations" that threaten U.S. personnel and the homeland, Obama said. "That deliberation allows us to do it right, but have no doubt: We will continue to do what is necessary to protect the American people."

The State Department declared al-Shabab a terrorist organization in February 2008. The implications of the group's loss of Godane are unclear.

"The individual who takes his place will live in fear," said Army Col. Steven Warren, a Pentagon spokesman. □

GOP senator seeks new authority against militants

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee is pushing legislation authorizing the president to use military force against Islamic state militants in Iraq, Syria and wherever else they threaten U.S. interests.

Sen. Jim Inhofe is circulating a draft of a resolution granting the president the authority to "use all necessary and appropriate force in order to defend the national security of the United States against the threat

posed by the organization called the Islamic State or 'IS,' formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, as well as any successor organization."

The measure, which has no end date, would allow President Barack Obama to deploy ground forces as well as continue with airstrikes against the merciless militants who have seized swaths of Iraq, threaten the government and killed two American journalists inside Syria.

Inhofe is seeking bipartisan support for his measure as Congress returns

to Washington next week from its five-week break. The resolution also forces the president to submit a strategy to Congress within 60 days for how to defeat the Islamic State group. President Barack Obama has vowed to destroy and degrade the militants but conceded last week that the administration has no strategy. The Senate has a shortened session in September, and it is unclear whether lawmakers will act on any legislation responding to the militant threat. Some Republicans and Democrats contend that

the president already has authority to act based on the 1973 War Powers Resolution.

In a letter to Obama on Friday, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio said the president has the authority to use military force against the militants.

"Just as the U.S. has conducted operations against terrorists elsewhere, there is no legal reason preventing you from targeting ISIL in Syria," Rubio, a potential presidential candidate in 2016, wrote. He pressed Obama for a strategy to defeat the militants. □



In Puebla, New Jersey's Christie is a rock star



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, center left, talks with Puebla Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle, center right, during breakfast at the governor's residence in Puebla, Mexico, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. The potential 2016 contender has called his three-day trade mission to Mexico a learning opportunity. (AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

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Associated Press

PUEBLA, Mexico (AP) —

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was greeted like a rock star on the final day of his trade mission to Mexico. But the three-day trip is unlikely to change perceptions that the Republican governor needs to establish his foreign policy credentials before he jumps into a potential presidential run. Christie on Friday left behind the high-end hotels and government offices that had dominated the first two days of his trip and headed east to the city of Puebla. It's the homeland of about 40 percent or the estimated 200,000 first- and second-generation Mexican-Americans who live in New Jersey.

The possible 2016 Republican presidential hopeful largely avoided wading into heated policy issues during his three-day trip. Aside from a policy speech on the importance of the North American relationship and new investments in energy, he spent the bulk of his time in Mexico touting New Jersey businesses and new ways the country and state could work together. The Puebla trip was planned partially to give Christie a chance to interact more informally with locals and connect with Mexican culture. And the potential 2016 hopeful certainly got his fill.

Christie received a celebrity's welcome at a local school, where more than 2,000 students waving American, Mexican and New Jersey flags packed the bleachers of an outdoor field. Kindergarteners lined the governor's path to the school, and he greeted the students as he passed,

crouching down to shake their hands, sharing fist bumps and gently touching their shoulders and heads.

As Christie took his place in a special box above the field, the children broke into excited shrieks worthy of a teen heart throb. Dozens of older students then treated him to a lengthy performance that included historical reenactments, dances, a marching band that sported sombreros and cheerleaders who performed to American artists like Bruno Mars.

Christie, who has seemed far more reserved on the trip than his usual brash persona, said he was overwhelmed by the reception. "It seemed like an endless line of one child who was more adorable than the next. So just amazing. And the enthusiasm of the kids and of the adults was really, really wonderful," he said, crediting the reaction to the state's governor, Rafael Moreno Valle, who served as Christie's host throughout the day. "He vouched for me. So they like me because they love him."

Moreno Valle said the teachers, students and parents who had gathered didn't know Christie's name before his visit, but they have many friends and family members who live in the U.S.

"You can see how interested people are — kids and the parents — in having a good relationship with the United States and with New Jersey because they know that a lot of family members or people they know have migrated to the U.S., and they appreciate a U.S. governor taking the time to come here and to visit us," he said.

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Obama lays out immigration goals, not timing



Demonstrators are arrested outside the White House in Washington during a rally calling for President Barack Obama to stop deportations of migrants in the country illegally and to make a decision on how to provide relief for immigrant families. U.S. Park Police said 145 people were arrested. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Leav-

ing his timing uncertain, President Barack Obama laid out ambitious objectives Friday for immigration

steps he intends to take on his own and said he had already received some recommendations from the

Homeland Security and Justice departments for executive action he could implement without Congress.

Facing competing pressures from immigration advocacy groups and from Democrats nervous about November's midterm election, Obama made no commitment about whether he would act in the coming weeks as he had earlier pledged.

"My expectation is that fairly soon, I'll be considering what the next steps are," he said during a news conference in Wales at the end of a two-day NATO summit.

Still, Obama spelled out his goals with a degree of specificity that he had previously not detailed.

He said that without congressional action to overhaul the immigration system, he would take steps

to increase border security, to upgrade the processing of border crossers, to encourage legal immigration and to give immigrants who have been illegally in the United States for some time a path to become legal residents, pay taxes, pay a fine and learn English.

"I want to be very clear: My intention is, in the absence of...action by Congress, I'm going to do what I can do within the legal constraints of my office, because it's the right thing to do for the country," he said.

On June 30, Obama said he had directed Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Attorney General Eric Holder to give him recommendations for executive action by the end of summer and pledged to "adopt those recommendations without further delay." □

Clinton: 2016 decision likely by early next year

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday she will likely make a decision on whether to run for president around the beginning of 2015.

The former U.S. secretary of state, senator and first lady said her background gives her a "unique vantage point" to bring to the White House should she run in 2016. But she said she wants to be sure she has a clear vision of what she wants to achieve, as well as how to lead both sides of the political aisle toward those ends.

"I am going to be making a decision around probably after the first of the year," she said.

Clinton spoke at an event in Mexico City honoring

thousands of scholarship students supported by the Telmex Foundation, one of several charitable organizations under the umbrella of Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim. Her appearance coincided with a Mexico trip by a potential 2016 GOP rival, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. He was touring the central city of Puebla, and the two were not expected to cross paths. Clinton also met with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Friday, as did Christie earlier this week. Asked about her presidential intentions, Clinton would only speak "hypothetically."

"That's a very serious undertaking," she said. "So obviously I'm thinking about it, but I have not made a decision yet."

Slim, one of the world's wealthiest people according to Forbes magazine, was in the audience. Other speakers on the agenda included Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg, actor Antonio Banderas and soccer player Ronaldinho.

Most of Clinton's appearance involved a motivational speech in which she urged the college-age students to work hard, dream big and help others.

She touched on several policy matters in a follow-up Q&A, such as cultivating a broad middle class as key to the American dream; the importance of cooperating with Mexico and other countries in the region; and her view of Washington's role as a global leader.

"What I have learned as secretary of state and before that as a United States senator is that every problem in the world cannot be

solved by the United States, but there is not a problem in the world that can be solved without the United States," Clinton said.

She said she views the world with optimism, but acknowledged there are troubling issues to be addressed.

She called the Islamic State group a "very aggressive, hostile form of jihadism ... which is a very direct threat to all the countries in the region, but even beyond." □

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Bloomberg returning to his roots

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NEW YORK - Michael Bloomberg will reassume the leadership of his business empire only eight months after ending his final term as New York mayor.

This week, Bloomberg told confidants and senior executives of Bloomberg LP, a financial data and media company, that Daniel Doctoroff, its chief executive and a longtime friend and lieutenant, would leave the company at the end of the year and that he would take over.

For years, Bloomberg had insisted that he had no intention of returning full time to the company he had founded.

When he left politics, Bloomberg was expected to devote most of his time to giving away his \$32.8 billion fortune. Those philanthropic efforts - on issues like gun control, immigration and public health - were supposed to take up much of his time.

But in recent months, Bloomberg - who still owns 88 percent of the company - has become an

increasing presence at Bloomberg's Manhattan headquarters, taking a hands-on role in meetings and strategy decisions. Doctoroff, a former

stay and remain chief executive, but Doctoroff demurred. "This wasn't the plan," said Bloomberg, sitting next to Doctoroff on Wednesday at a Manhat-



Michael Bloomberg surveys the Bosphorus during a visit to Istanbul, June 17, 2014. Less than a year after ending his third term as mayor of New York, Bloomberg will once again take the reins of the company he built, at a critical juncture as the financial data and media giant looks to transcend its core audience of Wall Street professionals.

(Ivor Prickett/The New York Times)

deputy mayor of New York and private equity executive, told Bloomberg about two weeks ago that he planned to resign, frustrated with how the leadership dynamic had shifted. Bloomberg urged him to

tan coffee shop. "It was his idea. If it was up to me, he would have stayed." Bloomberg said he fell in love again with the company that he founded in 1981. He said that after vacationing for a couple of weeks in January and working on his philanthropy, he realized that he felt most excited by his work at Bloomberg LP.

He will take charge of a company that is significantly bigger and more powerful than the one he left more than a decade ago but is also perhaps facing more challenges. Bloomberg LP is at something of a crossroads, developing businesses in the hopes of making it more accessible to a broader consumer audience.

Under Doctoroff, who joined Bloomberg LP in 2008, the company's revenue has jumped to more than \$9 billion, from \$5.4 billion. Subscriptions to Bloomberg's signature financial-data terminals - which rent for about \$20,000 a year - have grown to 321,000, from 273,000. Still, the company's growth has slowed, particularly abroad.

Doctoroff, who remains a friend of Bloomberg's, will join the board of his foundation. □

For immigration lawyers, a surprising speaker who asks them to change lives

BENJAMIN MUELLER
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NEW YORK - The fresh-faced lawyers included refugees from violence and persecution in Central America, as well as the grandchildren of refugees from Eastern Europe. They arrived at the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Manhattan, on Thursday in similar shades of gray and black suits, poised to continue their training in a new program to help represent immigrants.

Then a familiar face appeared unannounced in the courtroom, as adored by this group for her seat on the U.S. Supreme Court as for her upbringing by Puerto Rican parents in the Bronx. Justice Sonia Sotomayor ambled to the podium and said, "Well, I guess you know who I am."

Hands covered open mouths, and gasps rose from the 25 lawyers who make up the inaugural class of the Immigrant Justice Corps, whose goal is to address a growing problem: the dearth of qualified lawyers to represent immigrants facing deportation and other legal problems.

On the third day of their monthlong training in the rules of the country's immigration system, the recent law school graduates expected to hear only from Robert A. Katzmann, chief judge of the federal appeals court and founder of the program. It was in the same 17th-floor courtroom where the group gathered that Katzmann said he "first recognized the devastating problem of the absence of quality counsel."

But he was upstaged in his own chambers by a fellow advocate for immigrants. Citing a study on the shortage of legal representation, Sotomayor said, "You don't stand a chance of getting into this country if you're unrepresented." But, if you are represented, she added, "the odds are more in your favor."

Speaking to the group, she said, "You're changing those lives for a lot of people."

Tiptoeing around a young lawyer's question about what an ideal immigration system might look like in 100 years, Sotomayor suggested that the current one was not meeting society's needs. "A lot of the immigrants who are coming, like some of those in this room, are coming because of asylum needs," she said.

Domestic labor problems also weighed on her. "We're in a really dysfunctional system right now, where the community obviously is hiring and employing illegal aliens, so there's a need," she said.

In using the phrase "illegal aliens," Sotomayor inadvertently broke her own rule to instead use the phrase "undocumented." The rule, which she explained earlier to the group, was a way to recognize that immigrants who break the law are not necessarily bad people.

The lawyers each rose and told her of their own winding journeys. Luis Mancheno said he had fled Ecuador in 2008 and sought asylum in the United States because he was persecuted for being gay. Gloria Chacon, 26, told of escaping violence in Honduras by coming to New Jersey when she was 15, only to find her family's difficulties compounded by an immigration lawyer who she said "wasn't well versed in the law."

The lawyers were joined by 10 recent college graduates with multilingual skills who will help handle less complex cases for the group. Three of those advocates are themselves undocumented immigrants and would not have been eligible to work had they not qualified for deportation deferrals that include permits to work legally. Melissa Garcia Velez, 22, a recent graduate of Lehman College and an undocumented immigrant from Colombia, said she felt the sting of being ineligible for scholarships when she applied to schools. She said Sotomayor's encouragement fortified her. □



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US Financial Front:

American job growth drops to 142K, slowest in 8 months

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A surprising drop in hiring and in the number of people seeking work in August sent a reminder that the U.S. economic recovery is still prone to temporary slowdowns.

Employers added just

The figures “will inevitably spark speculation that the US recovery is somehow coming off the rails again,” said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics. “However, we’re not too concerned by what is probably just an isolated blip.”

The report showed the

nearly 13,000 in July. Auto jobs can be volatile during

summer because carmakers often temporarily close

factories in July to retool them for new models.



Freddy Jerez, of Hollywood, Fla., fills out a job application during a job fair in Sunrise, Fla. The government issued the August jobs report on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

142,000 jobs last month, well below the 212,000 average of the previous 12 months. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent. But that was because more people without jobs stopped looking for one and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Analysts took Friday’s Labor Department report in stride. They noted that other gauges of the economy — from manufacturing and construction to auto sales — remain solid. Lay-offs have dwindled, too. Analysts also noted that month-to-month volatility in hiring is common even in a healthy economy.

But the dip in hiring also suggests that, though the Great Recession officially ended more than five years ago, the economy has yet to shed some of its lingering weaknesses. Held back by sluggish pay growth, for example, consumers continue to spend cautiously.

Most economists foresee an economy that’s poised to make further strides, punctuated at times by modest setbacks.

smallest job gains in eight months. The weaker-than-expected numbers make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve will speed up its timetable for raising interest rates. Most analysts expect the first rate hike around mid-2015.

The Dow Jones industrial average initially fell, but stocks returned to positive territory by Friday afternoon. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.43 percent from 2.45 percent late Thursday. That suggests that some investors sought the safety of bonds and foresee no Fed rate increase anytime soon.

At least two temporary factors weighed on hiring in August, government officials said.

A strike at Market Basket, a grocery chain in the Northeast, contributed to an unusually large drop of 17,000 jobs at food and beverage stores. That strike has since been resolved, which could lead to a rebound in hiring this month.

Officials also noted that the number of auto-manufacturing jobs fell 4,600 in August after a surge of



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Ukraine cease-fire begins, but US still skeptical



From left, Alexander Zakharchenko, the leader of pro-Russian rebels in Donetsk, Russian Ambassador to Ukraine Mikhail Zurabov, Igor Plotnitsky, the leader of pro-Russian rebels in the Luhansk region, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Ambassador Heidi Tagliavini and Former Ukrainian president Leonid Kuchma, meet with the media after talks on cease-fire in Ukraine in Minsk, Belarus, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. The Ukrainian president declared a cease-fire Friday to end nearly five months of fighting in the nation's east after his representatives reached a deal with the Russian-backed rebels at peace talks in Minsk.

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MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Ukraine, Russia and the Kremlin-backed separatists signed a cease-fire deal

Friday after five months of bloodshed, and Europe readied additional sanctions in case the truce fails. NATO leaders created a new force designed to prevent any aggression by

Moscow against alliance members. Gunfire and shelling appeared to fall silent across eastern Ukraine shortly after the appointed hour, to the relief of war-weary resi-

dents. But the U.S. voiced skepticism that the rebels and Russia would stop violating Ukrainian sovereignty.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said he ordered his forces to halt hostilities at 6 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT) after the deal was signed in Minsk, the Belarusian capital, by all three sides and a representative of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Separatist leaders also said they ordered their forces to hold their fire. Poroshenko said the cease-fire was based on an agreement reached during a "long conversation" with Russian President Vladimir Putin and would be watched over by international monitors from the OSCE.

The negotiators also agreed on the withdrawal of all heavy weaponry, the release of all prisoners and the delivery of humanitarian aid to devastated cities in eastern Ukraine, Heidi Tagliavini of the OSCE told reporters in Minsk.

Mikhail Zurabov, the Russian ambassador to Ukraine who also signed the deal, described the exchange of lists of more than 1,000 prisoners from each side as a "breakthrough." Poroshenko said a prisoner

exchange could begin as early as Saturday.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the Kremlin welcomes the signing and hopes that all sides will fulfill the agreements and continue the negotiation process "for the full settlement of the crisis in Ukraine," the Interfax news agency reported.

With the cease-fire deal, Putin may hope to avert a new round of Western sanctions. U.S. President Barack Obama said he was hopeful the cease-fire would hold but skeptical that the rebels would follow through and that Russia would stop violating Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

"It has to be tested," Obama said at the close of a two-day NATO summit in Wales.

Noting that the U.S. and Europe were finalizing even tougher sanctions on Moscow, Obama said the most effective way to ensure the cease-fire's success was to move ahead with those measures in hopes of keeping up the pressure on Russia.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said "if certain processes get underway, we are prepared to suspend sanctions" against Russia.

Hamas leader: No to Israel's demand to disarm

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A senior leader of Hamas on Friday rejected Israel's demand that the group be disarmed as a condition for ending the long-running blockade of the Gaza Strip and permitting the opening of an air and seaport there.

Ismail Haniyeh told a gathering near Gaza City that "we cannot accept or deal with any international decision to disarm the resistance" -- a reference to Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups.

Israel has said it will press for Hamas' disarmament in indirect talks in Cairo aimed at charting a way forward for Gaza in the wake of a

50-day war that killed more than 2,200 people — almost all Palestinian. The fighting ended Aug. 26.

Hamas is pushing for the opening of an air and sea port in the densely populated coastal strip and the lifting of Israeli border restrictions imposed in 2007.

Israel has long said it must restrict the import of cement, pipes and other construction materials into Gaza because militants use them to build rockets, bunkers and cross-border attack tunnels. Unlike the Western-backed Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, Hamas does not accept Israel's right to exist.



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ECB action alone can't lift gloom shrouding Europe

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AP Business Writers

LONDON (AP) — Europe has gotten another dose of stimulus. But the latest medicine by itself will not bring life to an economy that over the past six years has slid from crisis to crisis.

Though the European Central Bank surprised markets Thursday with the broad thrust of its stimulus measures, most economists think the 18-country eurozone will continue to lag its counterparts, including the United States, for years.

Several eurozone countries are still grappling with high public debt that keeps a lid on spending that would otherwise help growth — new roads and schools, for example. And the No. 2 and No. 3 economies, France and Italy, have been slow in reforming their economies to make it easier for companies to do business and hire.

Meanwhile, low inflation threatens to turn into an outright fall in prices — something that could hurt consumer spending as shoppers wait for prices to drop. The economy is expected to grow slowly at best, after not expanding at all in the second quarter, when the crisis in Ukraine also weighed on confidence. Unemployment is proving hard to bring down — at 11.5 percent it is only marginally down from the peak 12 percent last summer.

That's why the ECB, the central bank for the eurozone, came up with another rescue package just three months after its previous one. As well as cutting its benchmark interest rate from 0.15 percent to a record low of 0.05 percent, it announced a program to buy bundles of bank loans that aims to stimulate bank lending to businesses and households. Details of the program — in particular, its size — remain to be filled in. The measures are likely to provide some immediate support to the economy by reducing the value of the euro, a boon to the region's exporters. On Friday, the euro languished a little above the 14-month low of \$1.2920 it struck in the wake of the ECB's announcements.

Beyond that, however, economists say the latest measures alone cannot heal the economy. As ECB President Mario Draghi keeps saying, the ECB can only do so much. Governments need to make reforms — and spend more where possible.

"The truth of the matter remains this: no amount of ECB 'action' will change the grim outlook for the eurozone if politicians do not confront the need for, and implementation of radical reforms," said Marc Ostwald, market strategist at ADM Investor Services International. Until 2012, when politicians and the ECB were fighting to keep the euro alive, the single currency zone was held back by countries that were hit hard by the debt crisis, such as Greece, Portugal and Spain. Now, following years of reform, those countries are slowly improving, and it's the larger, richer countries that are being blamed for the current economic morass: France, Italy and even Germany.

France's economy is stagnating. Its Socialist president, Francois Hollande, is trying to cut taxes for businesses and reduce government spending but is facing so much political resistance he had to reform a new government this summer.

Italy, which has the second-highest debt burden in the eurozone after Greece, has seen its economy shrink in 11 of the past 12 quarters. Matteo Renzi, the youthful premier, is under pressure to deliver on big promises to overhaul the economy and legal system. □

Venezuela: Chavez prayer creates controversy

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A rewriting of the Christian Lord's Prayer to commemorate the late Hugo Chavez is causing controversy in Venezuela.

Venezuela's Roman Catholic Church is denouncing the use of the socialist leader's name in an "untouchable" prayer. Ven-

"Our Chavez who art in heaven," she began, continuing, "lead us not into the temptation of capitalism."

Chavez's legacy has taken on a religious glow in Venezuela since the leader's death last year. Rosaries adorned with Chavez's face, shrines and images

calling the Lord's Prayer "untouchable," saying it "is the archetypal prayer for Christians around the world, and comes from the very lips of our Lord Jesus Christ."

On Thursday, Maduro defended Uribe's modification, and said she was being targeted by new



A mural features Venezuela's independence hero Simon Bolivar, left, Jesus Christ, center, and late President Hugo Chavez, with a message that reads in Spanish; "I have risen! Homeland, Socialism or Death. We will overcome," in Caracas, Venezuela. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

ezuelan President Nicolas Maduro defends it, and calls critics "new inquisitors."

The back and forth started on Monday, when socialist party delegate Maria Estrella Uribe read the prayer at a party convention.

depicting him with a Christian cross have become commonplace. Followers often say they believe Chavez was on a divine mission.

On Wednesday, the Venezuela Catholic Church released a statement

inquisitors who wanted to turn her humble prayer into a sin. During his presidency, Chavez frequently crossed paths with Venezuela's church, which sometimes accused the socialist leader of becoming increasingly authoritarian. □

Colombia: Venezuelan student activist is deported

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia has deported a Venezuelan student activist whose arrest had been sought by President Nicolas Maduro's government, drawing criticism on both sides of the border by groups who fear he'll be unjustly prosecuted for his political views.

Lorent Saleh, president of an anti-government group called Operation Liberty, was handed over to Venezuelan authorities Thursday night after he was detained for overstaying and

violating the terms of his visa.

Saleh can be seen loudly protesting Colombia's decision in a video of the handover shot with a cellular phone by a fellow activist. "(Colombian) President Juan Manuel Santos is negotiating and handing over the students," Saleh shouts as he is ushered from a white van parked on the Simon Bolivar international bridge to members of Venezuela's national security agency. "Migration authorities are responsible for violating my human rights and right to life."

Colombian authorities said

that Saleh faced multiple charges and an arrest order in Venezuela. They said he entered the country on Feb. 19, during the height of protests in Venezuela against Maduro's socialist government, and from Colombian territory engaged in unspecified political activities not allowed by foreigners.

When his 90-day visa expired, he was fined and given 10 days to normalize his migratory status. In the end, he didn't apply for another visa nor did he request political asylum, the foreign ministry said in a statement. □

In Southeast Asia;

Indonesia is an unlikely role model for Democracy



Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, at his home in Jakarta. Next month, Widodo will be sworn in at the Parliament building as president of Indonesia, completing a stunning rise from a child of the slums and carpenter to leader of the world's fourth-most-populous nation.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia - For a while, it looked as if Indonesia's bad old days had returned.

The Constitutional Court

was hearing an appeal by the losing presidential candidate, a former army general and son-in-law of Indonesia's former dictator, who charged that the election last July had been

rigged and should be overturned.

Outside, his supporters clashed with the riot police and tried to storm the court building. The police fired water cannons and tear gas.

But when the justices issued their ruling denying the ap-

peal last month, something strange happened: The losing candidate grudgingly accepted defeat.

The most competitive presidential election in Indonesian history had come to a dramatic and peaceful end. Next month, Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, will be sworn in at the Parliament building, completing a stunning rise from a child of the slums and carpenter to leader of the world's fourth-most-populous nation.

Sixteen years after Suharto, the authoritarian president whose corrupt and brutal military-backed government ruled the country for 32 years, was forced to resign amid violent pro-democracy protests, Indonesia has become a role model for peaceful, democratic transfers of power in Southeast Asia, a region where they are becoming increasingly rare.

In Thailand, the military overthrew a democratically elected government in May for the second time in eight years. Malaysia and Cambodia have been mired in political turmoil since parliamentary elec-

tions last year, which the opposition in each country claims were rigged. Neither Malaysia, Cambodia nor Singapore has ever had a democratic handover to the political opposition.

The Philippines has had democratic elections, but they have tended to be tainted by fraud and violence, and the last two presidents jailed their predecessors. And those are the democracies. Vietnam has enforced one-party Communist rule since unification, and Myanmar is taking its first, tentative steps toward openness after decades of military rule. Indonesia, however, in addition to the presidential election, held successful general elections in April in which nearly 140 million people cast ballots, a turnout of 75 percent. All of the competing parties accepted the results.

"There is no doubt that Indonesia is now Southeast Asia's most democratic nation, and this is something no one would have predicted in 1998," said Marcus Mietzner, an Indonesia specialist at Australian National University.

Iraq:

Attacks kill 17 as mass grave found

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BAGHDAD (AP) — A series of attacks across Iraq on Friday killed 17 people, including four Shiite militiamen and a Sunni tribal chief, while a mass grave in the north was found to contain the bodies of 15 Shiite truck drivers killed by Sunni militants.

Police officials said the deadliest attack happened when a car bomb went off on a commercial street in Baghdad's mainly Shiite Zafaraniyah district, killing seven people and wounding 15 others. Several shops were damaged. South of Baghdad, a roadside bomb targeted a Shiite militia convoy, killing four fighters and wounding seven in the area of Iskan-

dariyah.

Shiite militiamen have joined with Iraq's armed forces in their battle against the extremist Islamic State group, which has seized large swaths of land as well as cities and towns in the country's north and west. Another bomb went off near an outdoor market in Baghdad's Shiite district of Obeidi, killing three shoppers and wounding 12, police said.

In northern Iraq, residents said Islamic State fighters killed Maiser al-Waqaa, a Sunni tribal chief, along with two brothers in the village of al-Houd, just south of Mosul.

They said al-Waqaa ran in parliamentary elections earlier this year but failed to win a seat.

Sunni militants captured Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, and overran much of northern Iraq in June. The Islamic State group has carved out a self-styled caliphate straddling the Iraqi-Syrian border.

Medical officials confirmed the casualties from all attacks. All officials spoke of condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

Elsewhere in the north, a mass grave containing the remains of the Shiite truck drivers was found in the Suleiman Beg area. Families of the drivers said they were abducted about three months ago by Sunni militants, who captured the town during their June offensive.

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Many Christians take up arms as Mideast perils mount

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QAA, Lebanon (AP) — Every day around sunset, dozens of residents of this small Lebanese Christian village on the border carry their automatic rifles and deploy on surrounding hills, taking up positions and laying

with security forces for days and killing and kidnapping Lebanese soldiers and policemen.

Now, for the first time since the Lebanese civil war ended in 1990, Lebanese Christians are rearming and setting up self-defense units to protect themselves, an indication of the growing

capital of Mosul have been emptied of Christians. After they left, the militants spray-painted their houses with the letter "N" for "Nasrani" — an archaic term used to refer to Christians — marking the homes as Islamic State property.

In Syria, thousands of Christians have been displaced

safety in a pluralistic country which has the largest percentage of Christians in the Middle East. Lebanon is also the only Arab country with a Christian head of state.

But the fear has spread to Lebanon as well. This week, after a video was posted online showing a group of boys burning an Islamic State flag in a Christian neighborhood of Beirut, vandals spray-painted the outer walls of several churches in northern Lebanon with the words: "The Islamic State is coming."

In Qaa and Ras Baalbek, two Christian villages in the northeast, on the border with Syria, the anxiety is palpable. Many of the thousands of expatriates who used to spend the summer

here stayed away this year. Restaurants and the villages' main squares were deserted on a recent day.

The sale of weapons on the black market has climbed sharply. The arming effort is backed by some leftist and communist Lebanese militias who have long had weapons. The Shiite armed group Hezbollah has also indirectly supported such efforts, seeing the communities as a first line of defense for Shiite towns and villages in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region.

Sitting in his house few kilometers (miles) away from areas controlled by jihadi fighters in Syria, Suleiman Semaan, a political activist in Ras Baalbek, said the mobilization in the village was purely for self-defense.



Featured is Lebanon's Ras Baalbek, a Christian town in the northern Bekaa region near the border with Syria. Across the Middle East, Christian communities as old as the religion itself feel their very survival is at stake, threatened by militants of the Islamic State group rampaging across Iraq and Syria. Many Christian villagers are setting up self-defense units to protect themselves against attack. In Qaa and Ras Baalbek, two Christian northeastern villages on the border with Syria, many of the thousands of expatriates who used to spend the summer there stayed away this year.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

ambushes in case Muslim extremists from neighboring Syria attack.

"We all know that if they come, they will slit our throats for no reason," said one villager as he drove through the streets of Qaa, an assault rifle resting next to him.

For months, Lebanese Christians have watched with dread as other Christians flee Islamic extremists in Syria and Iraq, fearing their turn will come next. Fears multiplied after militants from Syria overran a border town last month, clashing

anxiety over the expanding reach of radical Islamic groups.

Across the Middle East, Christian communities as old as the religion itself feel their very survival is now at stake, threatened by militants of the Islamic State group rampaging across Iraq and Syria.

In Iraq, thousands of Christians have fled their homes after they were made to choose between leaving, converting to Islam or facing death. For the first time in centuries, Iraq's Ninevah region and the provincial

during its three-year conflict. Christian towns and villages have come under attack by jihadists, most recently the historic central town of Mahradeh. Islamic fighters in Syria rampaged through the ancient Christian town of Maaloula near Damascus earlier this year, destroying historic churches and icons. Christians in the militant stronghold of Raqqa were forced to pay an Islamic tax for protection.

Christian refugees from Iraq and Syria are now sheltering in Lebanon, sensing

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Prosecutors seek another delay of Kenyatta trial

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 THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Prosecutors at the International Criminal Court on Friday requested another delay in starting the trial of Kenya's president on charges of involvement in deadly post-election violence, saying they still lack sufficient evidence to convict him. Prosecutors said they want the Oct. 7 start date

pushed back until Kenyan authorities have fully complied with a request made in April to turn over information that could be used as evidence. That information includes records relating to President Uhuru Kenyatta's finances. Fatou Bensouda, the court's chief prosecutor, said that it would be inappropriate to drop all charges against Kenyatta as his government is not

fully cooperating with the court, adding that "the accused person in this case is the head of a government that has so far failed fully to comply with its obligations to the Court." The situation underscores a key limitation of the international court, which has no police force and must rely on help from governments in countries where it is investigating crimes — sometimes allegedly committed

by government forces. Kenyatta is charged as an "indirect co-perpetrator" for crimes including murder, rape and persecution allegedly committed by others during violence that left more than 1,000 people dead after his country's 2007 elections. He denies the allegations. His trial originally was scheduled to start Feb. 5, but was postponed until October while prosecutors attempt-

ed to shore up their case. Kenyatta's lawyers have repeatedly called on judges to scrap the case for lack of evidence. The case already has suffered repeated setbacks, with a key prosecution witnesses refusing to testify and another admitting giving false evidence. Charges against two other Kenyans originally charged alongside Kenyatta have been dropped.

Bosnian mine accident: 29 rescued, 5 miners buried

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ZENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Exhausted, dusty but happy to be alive, 29 miners were pulled out one by one Friday from a trouble-plagued coal mine that collapsed a day earlier in central Bosnia. They left behind five men, presumed dead under rubble deep underground and beyond the reach of rescuers. Emergency workers had dug through more than 100 meters (330 feet) of collapsed mine tunnels 500 meters below the surface to reach the trapped men. Families of those who were left behind broke down in tears as authorities closed the pit entrance. "We could not reach that group of people," said rescue worker Amir Arnaut. "We could only reach the first group." Officials said that an investigation will be launched to determine the cause of the accident, but they suggested it was linked to a

3.5 magnitude earthquake which hit the town of Zenica on Thursday afternoon, according to Bosnia's seismologists. The tremor caused a pressure burst and a gas blast which collapsed the mine, officials said.

It was the third incident at the Zenica pits this year, underscoring the vulnerability of the mines in Bosnia and elsewhere in the Balkans, which are generally poorly secured and where miners work with outdated equip-

ment and little protection. Once communist Yugoslavia's pride, mines like the ones in Zenica have been badly maintained, and have seen almost no investment and modernization as the region was engulfed in

an ethnic conflict in 1990s. The rescued men, blinking as they faced daylight, emerged from the mine to cries of joy from their families. "He is alive!" cried Admir Durakovic, whose husband Amir was among the miners. She then broke down, sobbing and shaking. Twenty-six miners were taken to a hospital, six of them badly hurt, but none suffered life-threatening injuries, doctors said. Alija Celebic, a retired miner, waited for his son Bego, one of the survivors. Celebic said his son was hurt in the same pit only few weeks ago, but recently returned to work. "All is good as long as he is alive!" he exclaimed. The families and union leaders accused the management of responding poorly to the latest collapse, particularly in first claiming that only eight workers were trapped. Union leaders said it was seven hours after the blast before authorities brought in rescue machinery.



A miner rescued from the Rasputocje coal mine in Zenica, 70 kms north of Sarajevo, Bosnia, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, is greeted as he walks away from the mine. Rescuers on Friday were pulling out some of the 34 miners who had been trapped deep inside a coal mine that collapsed in central Bosnia. Tired, their faces smeared with coal dust, the men came out of the Zenica mine one by one, after spending the night more than 500 meters (1,600 feet) below the ground.

(AP Photo/Amel Emric)

China's Xi cancels Pakistan visit amid political protests

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese leader Xi Jinping's first presidential visit to close ally Pakistan was in doubt Friday amid ongoing political protests in Islamabad. Meanwhile, Xi is slated to travel to Pakistan's arch-rival India this month amid warming ties between New Delhi and Beijing. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif tweeted Friday that the visit was postponed and blamed anti-government

protesters who have been demanding his resignation. The Chinese president had been scheduled to visit Pakistan in mid-September. However, Sharif later told the parliament in Islamabad that "doubts have surfaced about the visit of the Chinese president." He said the presidents of Sri Lanka and the Maldives have already cancelled visits to Islamabad because of the anti-government ral-

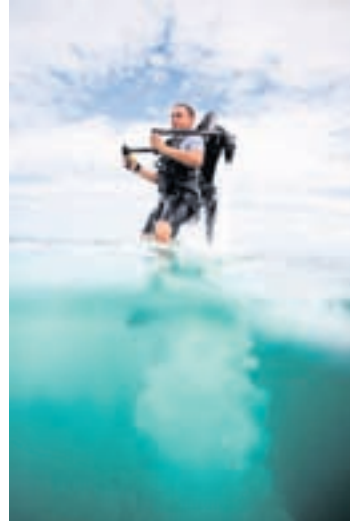
lies, which have been large and sometimes violent. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Tasnim Aslam, said Thursday that discussions were ongoing about Chinese president's visit to Pakistan. "Both sides are closely monitoring the situation in Islamabad. At the moment, I have nothing more to say," Aslam said. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang side-

stepped a question about the postponement, saying the visit hadn't been formally announced. "The two sides have maintained close high-level contact. The two sides are in close contact over high-level visits," Qin told reporters at a daily briefing. It would've been Xi's first to Pakistan since taking office last year. Sharif said that investment agreements worth \$34 billion had been

expected to be finalized during Xi's stay in Pakistan. Xi is scheduled to visit India in late September, also his first there since taking office, amid what some analysts see as a subtle re-ordering of China's foreign policy priorities away from Pakistan. The Asian giants have essentially shelved a border dispute that led to a 1962 war and are focused on boosting trade and investment between them.



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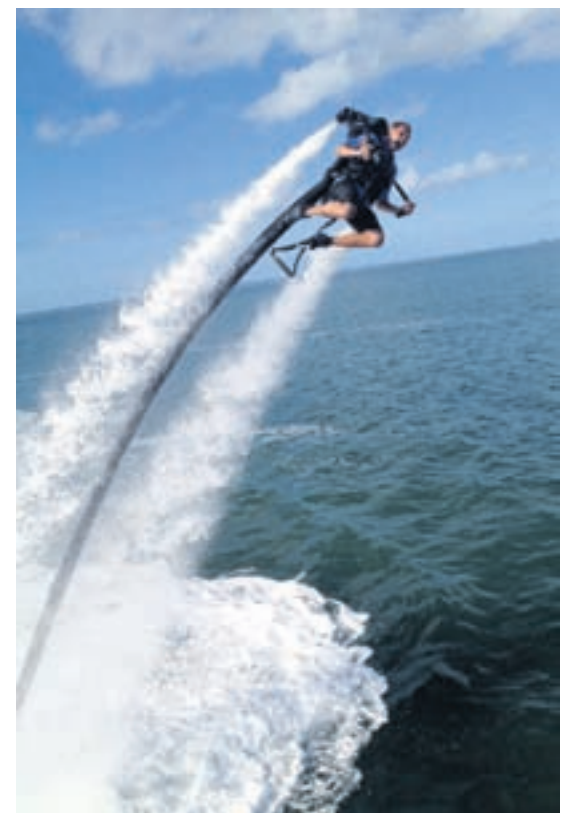
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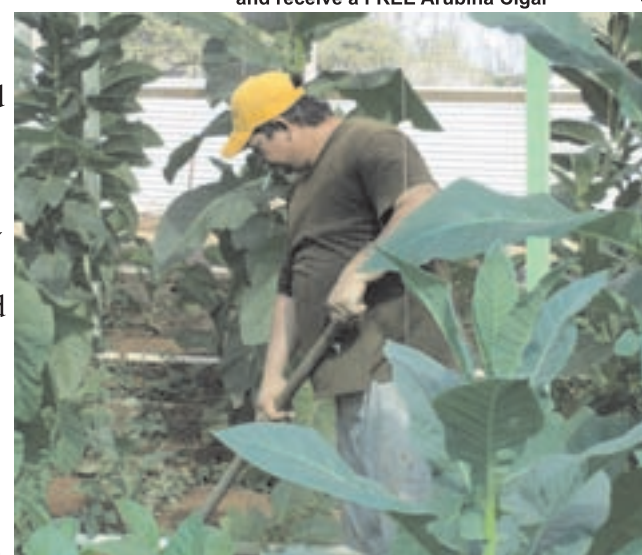
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Aruba welcomes Robert Jacobvitz and the acclaimed docu-drama 'Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story'

ORANJESTAD - Foundation "Respeta Bida... Semper Corda!" invited Robert Jacobvitz, founder of the international committee to commemorate Dr Aristides de Sousa Mendes, and currently the State of Florida representative of the Sousa Mendes Foundation to visit the island in the first week of September.

Jacobvitz will present a movie titled Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story, about one of the great humanitarian heroes of the Second World, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who was the Portuguese consul stationed in Bordeaux, France, who despite the threat of the harsh dictatorship of Antonio de Oliveira Salazar began to issue visas to as many refugees as he could, more than 30,000, an estimated 10,000 of them Jewish, so that they could escape to Spain, during the period of Nazi terror in France.



His noble act led Sousa Mendes to being stripped of his title and ultimately erased from Portuguese history, until the story surfaced in March 17, 1986, when Jacobvitz read about Sousa Mendes heroism in the local newspaper of his hometown Oakland, California.

When Jacobvitz read the Sousa Mendes story he felt compelled to make his name known, as the man saved more lives than any other single person during that dark period in history.

As a result of Jacobvitz efforts a movie was made, a gripping docu-drama, and it will be shown in Aruba, at Cas Di Cultura to more than 400 high school students. In honor of the occasion Foundation Respeta Bida... Semper Corda, invited the Social Work students to attend and participate in a discussion after the viewing, which was guided by Jacobvitz. Other invitees were clergy, dignitaries and the members of the foundations.

The film is shown here

in cooperation with the Sousa Mendes Foundation. Please take a look at the following link for more information: (http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/10/world/europe/in-portugal-a-protector-of-a-people-is-honored.html?_r=0)

Jacobvitz is also scheduled to give the Social Work students a workshop on another occasion on his specialty, "Community Social Work & Organizational Development," based on the living evidence of the Sousa Mendes activism, shown and discussed among different audiences and in the media, around the world.

The goals of foundation "Respeta Bida...Semper Corda!" are to raise awareness for the respect of the rights of every member of the Aruban society. The foundation strives to promote liberty and equality for all local

citizens.

In an official statement board members declared: We must remain vigilant in the face of discrimination, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia, so that these negative human traits do not raise their ugly heads in Aruba. As a society, we cannot remain indifferent to injustice and/or prejudice. The foundation's first project, a number of years ago, symbolizing its desire for the improvement of the world was the erection of a statue of Anne Frank in the park in front of the Juliana School. This project included explanatory panels, and the beautification of the park.

Anne Frank is the iconic symbol to never forget that a new Holocaust can happen when a multi-cultural nation fails to reach peaceful co-existence of all races and religions, respecting all differences among its citizens.

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Sergio Garcia, of Spain, waves on the 18th hole green after finishing the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

Associated Press

Garcia takes the lead at Cherry Hills

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. (AP) -- Sergio Garcia

hit great shots that led to eagle, birdie and par Friday. They carried him to a 6-under 64, giving him a one-shot lead going into the weekend at the BMW Championship on ever-changing Cherry Hills.

Garcia holed out from a greenside bunker for birdie on the second hole. He holed a lob wedge for eagle on the short, par-4 seventh hole. And after hitting into the water going for the green on the par-5 17th hole, he escaped with par by getting up-and-down with a wedge to a foot.

He needed them all.

Ryan Palmer also made eagle with a short wedge on the seventh hole, and he finished birdie-birdie for a 64 to end up a shot behind.

Rory McIlroy made three straight birdies late in his round and left his last putt on the edge of the cup.

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SIXTH SENSE

Serena advances to fourth straight U.S. Open final

Serena Williams, reacts after defeating Ekaterina Makarova, of Russia, during the semifinals of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, in New York. Associated Press Page 18

Ill Peng stops; Williams-Wozniacki U.S. Open final

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Overcome by heat and humidity in the second set of her U.S. Open semifinal, China's Shuai Peng paused between points to clutch at her left thigh and put her weight on her racket as if it were a cane.

Still, she tried to continue Friday against Caroline Wozniacki.

One point later, Peng dropped her racket and grabbed at her right knee, then staggered toward the wall behind the baseline and leaned against it, wiping away tears, until a trainer ran to her side. Others arrived, too: a doctor, the chair umpire, a tournament official, a security guard, a ballkid with an umbrella to offer shelter from the sun.

Fighting pain in both legs and her back, a limping Peng was helped over to a hallway adjacent to the court, where it was determined she had heat illness and needed treatment. In all, it was a 10-minute delay, which Wozniacki used to practice serving. Yet again, Peng tried to play on. She stuck it out for six more points, before collapsing to the ground, resting on her hands and knees as Wozniacki walked around the net to check on her. Peng stopped while trailing 7-6 (1), 4-3, allowing Denmark's Wozniacki to reach her second Grand Slam final.

At a news conference more than four hours later, Peng said she was feeling better. She was not sure whether, in the end, she was the one who said she had to retire or was told to (although tournament director David Brewer said it was Peng's decision).

Peng, who is 28, did recall

want to give up. I want to try one more time," said Peng, who was playing in her first semifinal in 37 career major tournaments. "I knew I'm not going to stay maybe too long, but I just want to try, you know. I just wanted to challenge her one more time."

Eventually, Peng was

seeded Wozniacki, who lost the 2009 U.S. Open title match. "To see her struggling out there — I just wanted to make sure she was OK."

In Sunday's final, Wozniacki will face good pal Serena Williams, who overwhelmed 17th-seeded Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-1, 6-3 to ex-

warming up for her semifinal — in which she won nine straight games and 22 of 24 points in one stretch — Williams saw on TV what was happening to Peng.

"I was really, really, really saddened by it. She's such a great person. We train sometimes at the same academy," Williams said. "You never want to see anyone go out like that."

Peng, who spoke during the tournament about nearly being forced to quit tennis after having heart surgery at age 12, began showing signs of distress early in the second set, rubbing her legs between points.

When things got really bad, she said, she felt cramping that made it hard to breathe.

Players are not allowed to get medical treatment from a trainer or doctor in the middle of a game if all that is wrong is cramping. If that's what makes them take a break during the course of play, they can be docked a point — or even a full game — for taking too much time.

But a broader diagnosis of heat illness does make a player eligible for treatment.

"It was determined that it would not be physically harmful for her to go back out and try to play tennis again," Brewer said.

Wozniacki did not complain — while all of this was happening or later at her news conference — about the lack of a penalty for time violation.

She was, however, thrown off a bit by the whole scene.

"First of all, you want her to be OK," Wozniacki said. "Then you also are thinking she might still be able to compete, so you have to kind of ... try and think about yourself as well and just say, 'OK, she might just go out there and start to hit winners.' So you have to be ready for everything." □



Medical personnel assist Peng Shuai, of China, gets into a wheel chair in pain with a cramp during the semifinals of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament against Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, in New York. Peng left the court and retired from the game, forfeiting it to Wozniacki.

how she reacted when the doctor suggested it might be a good idea to quit.

"I said, 'No, no, no. I don't

taken away in a wheelchair, closing the scary and surreal scene.

"It was really hard to watch," said the 10th-

Associated Press

tend her U.S. Open winning streak to 20 matches. If she can make that 21 in a row, the No. 1-ranked Williams will become the first woman since Chris Evert in the 1970s to win three consecutive titles at the tournament.

"I can say: Yes, she's much better than everyone," Makarova said, when asked to compare Williams to today's other top players.

Seeking a sixth U.S. Open championship and 18th major singles title overall, which would tie her with Evert and Martina Navratilova, Williams has won all 12 sets she's played these two weeks. While



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Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington resigns

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) —

Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington unexpectedly resigned Friday, saying he needed to devote his full attention to an "off-the-field personal matter." The stunning announcement came a day after the Rangers (53-87) lost their sixth straight game and became the first team in the majors mathematically eliminated from play-off contention. Only three years ago, Texas reached its second consecutive World Series under Washington.

"I have submitted my resignation from the job I love — managing the Rangers — in order to devote my full attention to addressing an off-the-field personal matter. As painful as it is, stepping away from the game is what's best for me and my family," Washington said. "This is in no way related to the disappointing

performance of the team this season. We were already discussing 2015 and looking forward to getting the Rangers back to post-season contention."

Washington, in his eighth season and expected back in 2015, said it had been a privilege to be part of some of the best seasons in Rangers history and that he was grateful for the opportunity.

"I deeply regret that I've let down the Rangers organization and our great fans," Washington said, who ended his statement asking for privacy.

General manager Jon Daniels also refused to go into specifics for the reasons for Washington's decision, outside of saying that the manager had given the team permission to acknowledge that the move "was not drug-related."

During spring training in 2010, it was disclosed that Washington had admitted to using cocaine once the

previous year, but team executives stood by him. The manager got a two-year contract extension in 2012, then during spring training earlier this year had another season added through 2015.

When asked if people should be concerned for Washington or someone in his family, Daniels again would not get into specifics. The 62-year-old Washington is married, but has no children.

"I certainly think well-wishes and thoughts for him and his family are appropriate," Daniels said.

Players were shocked.

"It's like losing your dad," pitcher Derek Holland said.

"I was extremely close with him. He's taught me a lot both on and off the field and I didn't see any of this coming at all. I'm lost for words." The Rangers have been plagued by injuries this season. Slugger Prince Fielder and leadoff hitter Shin-Soo Choo, the pri-

mary additions last winter, are among an MLB-high 14 players on the disabled list. Also injured are ace pitcher Yu Darvish and left-handers Matt Harrison and

set major league records using 63 overall players and 40 pitchers this season. "This has been a difficult season for the team on the field for a variety of rea-



In this May 11, 2014, photo, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington sits at the top of the dugout before a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Martin Perez.

In a 10-2 loss to Seattle on Thursday night, two more pitchers made their big league debuts for Texas. The Rangers have already

sons, but it was very clear throughout the organization, publicly, privately, and with Ron, that he was coming back," Daniels said. □

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NFL Roundup

Seahawks dominate Green Bay 36-16 to begin 2014

TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — The Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks started the new NFL season the way they finished 2013, with a convincing blowout win, beating Green Bay 36-16 on Thursday.

Marshawn Lynch rushed for 110 yards and a pair of touchdowns, Percy Harvin had 100 combined yards rushing and receiving, and the Seahawks defense stymied Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers' up-tempo offense.

The Seahawks unveiled the first Super Bowl banner in franchise history during a brief pregame ceremony and then began the process of trying to be the first team in a decade to repeat.

Their effort against the Packers — a popular pick to contend in the NFC — will only reinforce the belief Seattle is still the favorite.

"We got a few more weap-



Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett forces Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers to fumble in the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, in Seattle. A Packers player recovered the ball in the end zone, but was tackled for a safety on the play.

ons on offense, a lot of guys are more experienced," Harvin said. "The guys on defense, Kam (Chancellor) and Earl (Thomas), just

have another year of experience." Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson was outstanding in the first half, including a

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33-yard touchdown pass to Ricardo Lockette. Harvin got touches as a receiver, running back and returner. He was used all over the field in different formations after never being fully healthy in his first season with Seattle. Wilson finished 19 of 28 for 191 yards passing.

And Lynch was at his best. Pete Carroll said earlier this week that Lynch appeared in the best shape of his career, and it showed. Lynch averaged 5.5 yards per carry and topped 100 yards for the 20th time in the regular season since joining the Seahawks in 2010.

Lynch barreled through a trio of Packers for the TD with 3:41 left before halftime to give the Seahawks a 17-10 lead and added a second TD run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Seattle had 207 yards rushing as a team and won for the 18th time in its past 20 regular season home

games. Harvin finished with 11 offensive touches including four rushes for 41 yards.

"'Lord have mercy, we have Percy,' that's what I always say," Wilson said. "He is a great player, plays so hard, pushes the other receivers and players and they have a great relationship."

Rodgers finished 23 of 33 for 189 yards and was isolated to one side of the field. Trying to avoid Seattle's ace cornerback Richard Sherman, he instead looked almost exclusively for Jordy Nelson matched up against Byron Maxwell. Nelson did have nine receptions, but Maxwell came up with a third-quarter interception.

But Seattle's defense did its part. They sacked Rodgers three times, taking advantage of a knee injury suffered by right tackle Bryan Bulaga in the second quarter. His replacement Derek Sherrod, gave up a fourth-down sack. □

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NFL Preview: Manning calm, cool for Colts-Broncos rematch

The Associated Press

The last time he faced his former team, Peyton Manning's emotions and the Indianapolis Colts both got the best of him.

Manning shouldn't be nearly as drained or distracted when the Colts visit the Denver Broncos on Sunday in the NFL's opening round.

Colts owner Jim Irsay isn't getting under his skin with talk about how disappointed he was to win just one Super Bowl with Manning. And the five-time MVP doesn't have to trouble himself with a pregame tribute or Robert Mathis, for that matter. Mathis, the league sacks leader last year with 19 1-2, including two of Manning in the 39-33 win last October, was suspended for the first four games for violating the league doping policy.

"Well, it was different last year going back to Indianapolis," Manning said coolly.

But his Broncos are dealing with drama, too. Receiver Wes Welker and Pro Bowl kicker Matt Prater, who combined to score 210 points last season, are serving four-game banishments.

Manning still has enough weapons, but the Colts have been on the rise ever since Manning was replaced there by Andrew Luck.

"To be honest, even since day one here, it hasn't been an issue. I never came in saying, 'Oh, I have to replace a legend, one of the greatest of all time,'" Luck said. "Professional sports people, they come and they go. Someone's going to replace me eventually, hopefully later rather than sooner."

Broncos vs. Colts is the only weekend matchup of 2013 division winners, but the schedule has been juiced up with division rivalries.

New England is at Miami in a very early AFC East showdown, while the entire AFC North faces off, with Cincinnati at Baltimore and Cleveland at Pittsburgh. The NFC South has the same setup, with New Orleans at Atlanta and Caro-



In this Jan. 12, 2014, file photo, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) calls an audible at the line of scrimmage against the San Diego Chargers in the first quarter of an NFL AFC division playoff football game in Denver. Associated Press

lina at Tampa Bay.

"It's a great opportunity for us to have another growing step," Bengals left tackle Andrew Whitworth said of visiting Baltimore, where Cincinnati has dropped its past three games.

"We've had this little step here or that little step there. But we haven't won in Baltimore, and we can get that milestone out of the way." Tom Brady remembers New England's trip to Miami last December, although he'd prefer to forget it: A 24-20 defeat.

He's ready to change the outcome.

"We put a lot of work in over the course of the summer to put ourselves in a position to capitalize on this game," Brady said. "There's not much more you could ask for than to have such a great opportunity."

Miami's revamped offensive line, coming off the bullying scandal, will be a focal point.

With the New Orleans Saints coming to town, the Atlanta Falcons have a chance to show 2013, their first losing season since 2007, was a fluke. They'll have to come up with a running game, better blocking, and certainly a stingier defense, against their archrivals.

It's a tough assignment, particularly trying to slow the Drew Brees to Jimmy Graham combination.

"We want to get that sour taste out of our mouths from last season," Falcons safety William Moore said.

There's a school of thought that the Carolina Panthers are headed downward after a surprise division title, and Tampa Bay under new coach Lovie Smith are ascending. This opener could reveal plenty, and Panthers quarterback Cam Newton is on the mend from a rib injury.

Also on Sunday, it's San Francisco at Dallas; Jacksonville at Philadelphia; Buffalo at Chicago; Washington at Houston; Minnesota at St. Louis; Tennessee at Kansas City; and Oakland at the New York Jets. The Monday doubleheader has the New York Giants at Detroit, followed by San Diego at Arizona. □



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady laughs as he speaks to reporters prior to team practice in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014. The Patriots are preparing for their opening NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday in Miami. Associated Press

10 years later, Gatlin dominant again in sprints

RAF CASERT
AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Ten years later, Justin Gatlin is dominating his sport once more. Granted, it's happening at a time when Usain Bolt is taking a break from the track — but given the way Gatlin is running, perhaps even the seemingly unbeatable Jamaican will have to watch out next year.

The American sprinter ran the fastest 100 meters of the year Friday, and set a personal best at 32, before also winning the 200 only an hour later at the Van Damme Memorial, the last major event of the season. It extended his unbeaten streak to 18 races so far, with one minor race in Ri-



Justin Gatlin of the U.S. wins the men's 100m at the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event, at Brussels' King Baudouin stadium, on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

Associated Press

eti, Italy, to come on Sunday.

A full decade after he became Olympic 100 champion in Athens and four

years after returning from a long doping ban, Gatlin set a time of 9.77 seconds. That matches the time he was stripped of in 2006 when he was slapped with a four-year ban, which at the time gave him a share of the world record.

Now, humbled by hindsight, it gives him hope that the best might be yet to come.

"It is coming back full circle, right," Gatlin said. "So, hmmm, a little bit of bitter-sweet, but I am happy."

The only athlete coming close to stealing Gatlin's spotlight in Brussels high jumper Mutaz Essa Barshim of Qatar, who came preciously close to setting a world record of 2.46 meters but had to settle for an Asian record of 2.43.

At 23, Barshim still has much his career ahead of him. For Gatlin, it already is an achievement to have come back from the doping ban.

Even in his 30s, Gatlin still has the quick start, the vigor of acceleration and the sustained strength right through to the finish to make many younger men jealous.

Doing it in two races on one night was just another way to prove a point.

"I wanted to test my toughness," he said.

He will need it next year, because Bolt will be back

and bent on winning another world championship triple in Beijing as a stepping stone toward the 2016 Olympics Rio.

Bolt's season was limited to just a few minor events this year because of injuries, but Gatlin is looking forward to meeting him head-on and turning a one-man show into a duel. "It is not just one lane on the track," said Gatlin of Bolt's dominance.

Another American excelled in the women's 200, with Allyson Felix clocking a world-leading 22.02 seconds to beat Frenchwoman Myriam Soumare and European champion Dafne Schippers of the Netherlands.

In the shot put, New Zealand's Valerie Adams won her 56th straight competition, beating the 27-year-old stadium record with a throw of 20.59 meters, which also was the best performance of the year.

Daniel Navarro wins 13th Spanish Vuelta stage

OBREGON, Spain (AP) — Daniel Navarro of Spain surged forward and hung on to win the 13th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Friday while countryman Alberto Contador kept the overall leader's red jersey. Navarro finished the 189-kilometer (117-mile) mountainous ride from Belorado to Obregon two seconds ahead of Daniel Moreno and Wilco Kelderman.

"I am delighted to have won this stage," Navarro said. "I'm not sure I'll be able to get another stage win in this Vuelta, so it's a welcome victory."

Contador fended off several charges by Alejandro Valverde to retain a 20-second overall lead. Rigoberto Uran remained in third, 1:08 behind, and Chris Froome was still 1:20 behind in fourth.

Contador arrived at this year's Vuelta as a late entry after a broken right shin bone had forced him to retire from the Tour de France on July 15. Still recovering from the injury, he initially said he harbored no thoughts of challenging for

the win.

But the five-time grand tour winner has been able to attack his rivals in mountain stages and, with main rival Nairo Quintana out after breaking a shoulder blade during Wednesday's 11th stage, Contador looks fit enough to be in contention for a win when the race ends on Sept. 14 in Santiago de Compostela.

"My leg doesn't bother me at all and I'm extremely happy to have taken the decision to compete here," Contador said.

Valverde said he began trying to go for a stage win but found it very tough trying to keep up with breakaway sprinters and eventually concentrated on his overall position.

"I fought hard, but you can't control everything, there was one attack followed by another and in the end I dedicated myself to the overall race," Valverde said. The 14th stage on Saturday is a 201-kilometer (125-mile) mountainous ride from Santander to La Camperona, featuring two category-one ascents.



Cherry Hills

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The late surge gave the world's No. 1 player another 67 and put him two shots behind. Billy Horschel, a runner-up last week at the TPC Boston, had a 66 and was tied with McIlroy.

Garcia was at 8-under 132. Barring a charge that would make even Arnold Palmer proud, Phil Mickelson is playing his last PGA Tour event of the season. He twice hit into the water - making a triple bogey on the par-3 12th and a bogey on the 17th - and shot a 76. Mickelson, who needs to finish about fourth to qualify

for the Tour Championship, was 14 shots behind and in a tie for 63rd in the 68-man field.

Jason Day withdrew on the ninth hole with a back injury and said he would try to be ready for the Tour Championship.

The only peculiar part of Garcia's day was his left ear. He was on the sixth green when he felt a series of beeps, followed by a "pop" that made him feel uncomfortable for about the next hour before it finally went away. He's not sure what it was. He's not sure there's a word for it in Spanish.

"It's happened before, but usually I kind of blow it

and it gets back," Garcia said. "But for some reason, it just didn't feel quite the same. And it still doesn't, but it's definitely better. It shouldn't be too big of a deal." But it clearly didn't affect his golf. Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, tees off on the third hole during the second round of the BMW Cha ... "Obviously, it helped, because then I made 2 on the next hole," he said with a laugh.

The turnaround came at the end of his round. He went for the green in two on the 17th and came up well short. With the tough 18th ahead of him, it looked as though he would lose his lead and perhaps even more ground. But he hit wedge to tap-in range for his par, and then made one only six birdies on the closing hole at Cherry Hills.

"It's only Friday, so we still have two days to go," he said. "But it definitely helped my frame of mind going into the 18th tee, which today was playing quite hard. So it was nice to be able to get that up-and-down and then play 18 really well."

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Season's new phones are all about selfie image

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP)—Visit any tourist destination, and you're bound to see individuals and groups taking photos of themselves for sharing on social media. It's a declaration to the world that they were there.

Pop stars such as Rihanna and Justin Bieber have helped popularize the trend, too, by posting stylized selfies to their leagues of followers. Even politicians are taking selfies with ordinary folks these days as a way of showing how close they are to voters.

So it was only a matter of time before tech companies responded with phones and apps specifically designed to help people take more and better selfies.

Several phones unveiled at the IFA tech show in Berlin this week sport higher-resolution front cameras, so selfies will come out sharper. Some even have apps that let you use the rear cameras, too. That means even clearer photos — and the use of the flash, if you need it.

Promoting new phones as the perfect selfie camera is a natural move for manufacturers scrambling to stand out.

"The 'selfie phone' race resembles the megapixel race for cameras on the back of the phone," said Gerrit Schneemann, an analyst at research firm IHS. "Handset makers try to satisfy a specific use case by including more powerful features in the front camera."

One of the phones Microsoft announced Thursday, the Lumia 730, has a 5 megapixel front camera and software to help users touch up their image after

taking it.

For even better shots, it'll be possible to take selfies with the 6.7 megapixel camera on the rear. Users won't be able to see themselves on the screen, but an app called Lumia Selfie will use face-detection technology and beep to

ment follows Samsung's new Galaxy Note phones unveiled Wednesday. The Note 4 and the Note Edge come with a special wide-angle option, which allows users to fit more people into their selfies by stitching multiple images together. The feature could help

The phones will also have a feature that triggers the camera to snap the shot by smiling, blinking or making a "V" gesture.

Taiwanese phone manufacturer HTC also unveiled an 8 megapixel front-facing camera for its new Desire 820 device, while

cago. "There's something to be said about having selfies be kind of the modern-day version of the Polaroid — instant, but it has its own look and had its own style."

For users who don't want to send around high-resolution images of them-



A man shows the new Lumia 830, left, and 730, right, smart phones during a Microsoft Nokia presentation event at the consumer electronic fair IFA in Berlin, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014.

Associated Press

tell users where to hold the camera.

With a starting price of 199 euros (\$258) before taxes, the phone is likely to be particularly attractive to younger buyers and aspiring middle classes in developing countries.

It also fits neatly with Microsoft's stated strategy of prioritizing mobile phones and Internet-based services. The phones come with sizeable online storage space on Microsoft's OneDrive, where users can back up their photos or share them with friends.

Microsoft's announce-

avoid bloopers such as the time Oscars host Ellen DeGeneres snapped a selfie with Meryl Streep, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Lawrence but cut out Jared Leto, who had just won an Academy Award but was too far over to the side. Coincidentally or not, Samsung was a sponsor of the Academy Awards, and DeGeneres was using a Samsung phone.

Not to be outdone, PC-maker Lenovo launched its Vibe Z2 and Vibe X2 phones, with 8 megapixel and 5 megapixel front cameras, respectively.

China's Huawei can claim to have pioneered the selfie-phone idea earlier this year when it released the Ascend Mate2 4G. The Mate 2 has a 5 megapixel front camera and a wide-angle option similar to Samsung's.

But some are wondering whether users will really embrace the idea of capturing themselves in high resolution.

"I'm not sure people want selfies to be very sophisticated to start with," said Steve Jones, a professor of communications at the University of Illinois at Chi-

selves without a bit of prior enhancement, Microsoft's selfie app offers tools that let them make tired eyes bigger, whiten their teeth and slim down like air-brushed models on magazine covers.

Meanwhile, LG wants to take selfies to a whole new place. The South Korean consumer electronics firm presented a refrigerator Thursday that can send pictures of its contents to users while they're out shopping.

That's right, your fridge is soon going to be sending you selfies. □

S&P 500 hits record on dividend stocks

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A surge in dividend-rich utility stocks helped push the Standard & Poor's 500 index close to a record Friday. Investors bought up the stocks after the government reported that U.S. employers added fewer jobs than forecast for August. That boosted demand for bonds and pushed down their yields. In turn, stocks with big dividends became more attractive to investors seeking income-paying se-

2,003.37, set Aug. 29. The index has now logged 33 all-time highs this year. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 67.78 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,137.36. The Nasdaq composite gained 20.61 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,582.90. Stocks had started the day lower after a disappointing jobs report. U.S. employers added 142,000 jobs in August, snapping a six-month streak of hiring above 200,000 and posting the smallest gain in eight months, the

too much into one number," said Russ Koesterich, chief investment strategist at BlackRock. "This is an outlier....the weight of evidence suggests that the U.S. is going to have a decent third quarter and will be relatively strong going into the end of the year." Bond prices initially rose on the disappointing hiring news. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves in the opposite direction of price, dropped as low as 2.41 percent, before gradually giving up



Traders Daniel Kryger, left, and Christopher Morie work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A surge in dividend-rich utility stocks helped push the Standard & Poor's 500 index close to a record Friday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

curities. The stock market also got a lift from a cease-fire agreement between Ukraine and Russian-backed separatists, aimed at bringing an end to nearly five months of fighting. Stocks had slumped at the beginning of August amid worries that the conflict in Ukraine would spiral out of control and inflame tensions between Russia and the West. "That development is a positive," said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust. "Further sanctions on Russia, and excluding them from the Western economies, sets global trade back." The S&P 500 index rose 10.06 points to 2,007.7, surpassing its previous record close of

Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent, falling because more people without jobs stopped looking for one and were no longer counted as unemployed. Economists had expected employers to add 220,000 jobs. Many analysts reasoned that, while the report was disappointing, the slowdown in the pace of hiring was not strong enough to suggest that the overall trend had changed. Friday's news was also at odds with reports earlier this week that showed the economy is still strengthening. Construction and the service industry, for example, were strong. "I would avoid reading

most of its gains throughout the day and edging up to 2.46 percent from 2.45 percent on Thursday. The yield has slumped from 3 percent at the start of this year. The early drop in bond yields boosted demand for utility stocks. The lower bond yields are, the more attractive dividend-rich utilities appear to investors who are looking for an income. The slump in bond yields this year has helped make the utilities sector the second-best performer in the S&P 500 index, with a gain of 14 percent. Among individual stocks making big moves Friday, Vertex Pharmaceuticals was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500 index.



A Chinese man talking on his smartphone walks into an Apple store in Beijing Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Apple to tighten its online security after recent hack

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple plans to tighten its online security measures to reduce the chances of its users being victimized by intrusions like the ones that stole nude photos from actress Jennifer Lawrence and other celebrities. CEO Tim Cook told The Wall Street Journal in a story published Friday that Apple Inc. will use email and push notifications to alert the hundreds of millions of people using its services when there has been an attempt to restore their iCloud data on a new device, change an account password or log on to an account with a new device. Previously there were no notifications for restoring iCloud data, but users did receive an email when someone tried to change a password or log in for the first time from a new device.

Apple expects to start sending the additional notifications in two weeks. The iPhone maker said the new security will allow users to change passwords to reclaim control of an account or notify Apple's security team about a potential problem. An Apple spokesman confirmed the report Friday but declined to comment further than what was said in the interview. Apple is also urging users to ensure they have complex passwords that are difficult to guess and are enabling a feature known as two-factor authentication that requires a numeric code

sent to a phone to gain access to an account. The security clampdown comes just a few days after Apple acknowledged computer hackers broke into the accounts of Lawrence and several other stars whose revealing photos were posted online during the Labor Day weekend. The Cupertino, California, company blamed the security breakdown on the intruders' ability to figure out passwords and bypass other safeguards. The embarrassing episode raised doubts about Apple's online security at a time when the company is preparing to introduce several services that will seek to vacuum up even more information about people's lives and finances. When Apple unveils its next iPhone at a Tuesday event in Silicon Valley, Cook also is widely expected to provide more details about previously announced services designed to help people manage their health and home appliances.

As part of its efforts to reassure users, Apple has emphasized that it found no evidence of a widespread problem in iCloud or its Find my iPhone service. Instead, the affected celebrity accounts were targeted by hackers who had enough information to know the usernames, passwords and answers to personal security questions designed to thwart unauthorized entries, according to Apple.

Family Dollar rejects revised bid by Dollar General

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Despite eliciting a higher takeover bid by Dollar General, Family Dollar remains unswayed by its rival's acquisition efforts. Family Dollar said Friday that it had formally rejected a revised \$9.1 billion offer from its larger rival, arguing that even new measures meant to provide assurances about antitrust risk were insufficient. Instead, the retailer will stick with its existing \$8.5 billion merger with a smaller competitor, Dollar Tree.

The two companies disclosed that they have reinforced their agreement with a pledge by Dollar Tree to sell as many stores as necessary to ensure that the deal passes regulatory muster, in what is known as a "hell or high water" provision.

The decision by Family Dollar raises the prospect that Dollar General will go hostile by bringing its takeover proposal directly to the shareholders in its target company.

Dollar General had hoped to prompt negotiations

by not only raising its offer price, but also by adding measures aimed at allaying concerns about interference from antitrust regulators. The new bid included both a \$500 million reverse termination fee in case a merger of the two failed because of antitrust reasons and a pledge to divest up to 1,500 stores, more than double what Dollar General had initially offered.

Yet even those steps were not enough to win over Family Dollar, which has consistently argued that a

merger with Dollar General would create serious concern at the Federal Trade Commission.

The decision by Family Dollar bore the approval of Edward Garden, the chief investment officer of the hedge fund Trian Fund Management and a director of the retailer. Trian, which is led by the billionaire Nelson Peltz, had argued in recent months that the deep-discount chain had not been performing as well as it could.

Yet to the hedge fund, even the temptation of a

higher takeover bid was tempered by fears that it would not be completed. It calculated the after-tax worth of the \$500 million break-up fee at roughly \$3 a share.

"We are focused on delivering to Family Dollar shareholders the highest value with certainty, and the Dollar Tree transaction does just that," Garden said in a statement. "Dollar General's revised proposal, on the other hand, does not eliminate regulatory risk for Family Dollar shareholders." □

Making a positive difference through bond investing

STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Instead of lending to just the government or some faceless corporation, what if your bond mutual fund also helped to vaccinate kids around the world? Or helped finance a clean-water project or solar-energy farm?

More mutual fund managers are seeking out bonds that not only do well but also promote a positive impact on the environment, society and corporate governance. It's a concept called socially responsible investing, and it's long been dominated by stock mutual funds. But a proliferation of "green bonds," whose proceeds go toward projects with environmental benefits, and similar investments mean more bond funds are using a socially responsible lens. Fund managers -- and their investors -- aren't selfless, of course. They won't buy a bond unless they believe its potential return will more than make up for its risk, no matter how noble its purpose. That's because managers want investors to use their funds as the core of a bond portfolio, and they know that won't happen unless they deliver equivalent or better returns versus competitors.

"That will be the best way to start the virtuous cycle," says Stephen Liberatore, who oversees about \$5.7

billion in socially responsible bond-investing strategies for TIAA-CREF.

His main goal is to deliver better returns than the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index, a widely used benchmark. His TIAA-CREF Social Choice Bond fund (TSBRX) met that goal last year and is doing so this year.

In a virtuous cycle, Liberatore hopes to deliver strong returns, which will draw more investors. That will give him more money to invest, and the increased demand for those socially responsible bonds will mean lower interest rates for the bond issuers, enabling them to do more work.

Liberatore's fund owns everything from Treasuries to mortgage-backed securities, and it targets keeping 10 percent or more of its portfolio in bonds that it calls "proactive social investments." As part of that strategy, he bought a bond issued by Washington, D.C.'s water and sewer authority this summer -- the proceeds are helping to reduce sewer overflows into the city's waterways.

TIAA-CREF launched its Social Choice Bond fund in late 2012, more than six years after it offered a similar stock fund. It's a familiar picture across the mutual fund industry: Socially responsible stock funds are more entrenched than bond funds. Of the 181 mu-

tual funds that Morningstar classifies as socially conscious, 110 focus on only stocks.

That's partially because socially responsible investors long thought they could have a bigger impact because they would have a voice at annual shareholder meetings.

"Back in the day, the logic was that if you couldn't vote a proxy, it was hard to engage with companies," says Cathy Roy, chief investment officer for fixed income at Calvert Investment Management, which manages more than \$13.5 billion.

In recent years, socially responsible investors have been presented with more opportunities with the growth of green bonds. The flow has been strong enough that Barclays and MSCI are developing a Green Bond index. A group of investment banks early this year also came together to publish guidelines for green bonds, something they hope will lead to more investment.

Calvert has run bond mutual funds for decades that use a sustainable-investing lens, including the \$1.8 billion Calvert Short Duration Income fund (CSDAX) that's in the top 13 percent of its category for 10-year returns.

In October, it launched the Calvert Green Bond fund (CGAFX), which has grown to \$23 million in assets, and

buys bonds issued by companies that get at least half their revenue from environmentally beneficial technology. It also invests in



This photo shows Associated Press Business Writer, Stanley Choe in New York. (AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

project bonds that help to develop energy efficiency, transit and other environmentally friendly aims.

The approach to sustainable investing has also evolved over the years, Roy says. In the past, investors took a simple pass/fail approach. Potential investments were screened as either good or bad depending on the data in their spreadsheet. Roy says investors now take a more nuanced look, measuring how much a company limits its emissions relative to others in the industry, for example. They lay that on top of weighing a bond's yield against its risk.

Proponents say a company that's a better steward of the environment or of

product safety will be less likely to face fines in the future. It could also be an indication of a management team that's more disciplined in other areas.

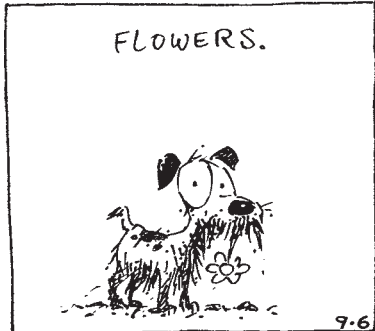
For managers of socially responsible bond funds, it also helps to have something concrete that they can show investors.

"Bonds are a part of the world that's sleepy and boring," says Benjamin Bailey, co-portfolio manager of the Praxis Intermediate Income fund (MIAX). "You can tell people that we have 15 percent of our fund helping people with affordable housing or renewable energy projects -- they're essentially lending money to these projects -- and they didn't know these things were possible."

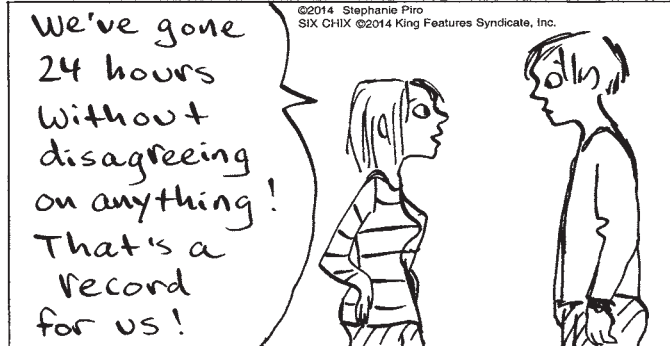
But the investments that seem to most affect the fund's investors are bonds issued by the international Finance Facility for Immunisation. The group sells bonds backed by donations that governments around the world have pledged to pay in the future. The proceeds of those bonds generate immediate cash that can go toward immunizations for children.

"Instead of waiting years, they were able to immunize many of these kids right away," says Delmar King, another co-portfolio manager of the Praxis fund. "That's the one that's resonated best." □

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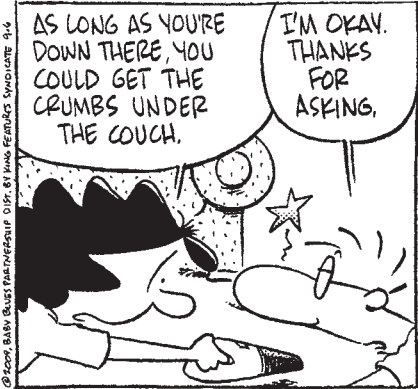
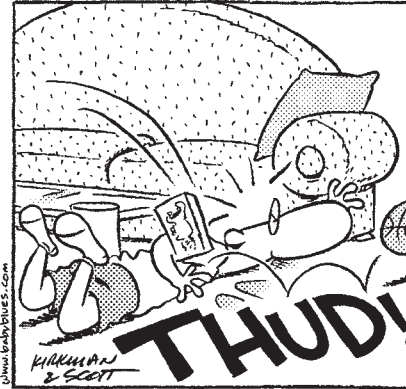
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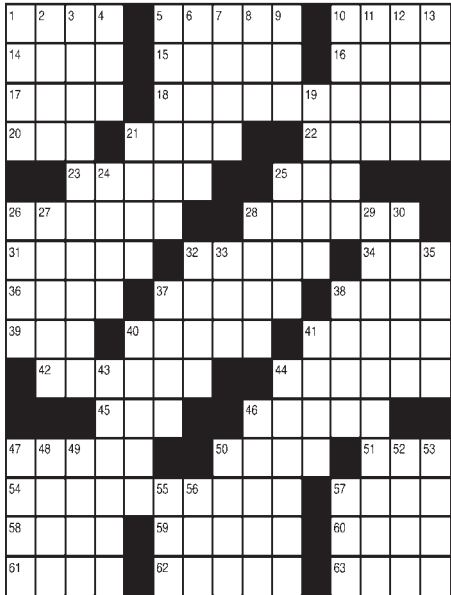
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Little child
- 5 Narrow strip of leather
- 10 Part of the foot
- 14 Sudden attack
- 15 Terre __, Indiana
- 16 Fairy __; fable
- 17 Supplies on a crematory shelf
- 18 Unproven accusation
- 20 At the __ of the day; ultimately
- 21 Competent
- 22 Swallows hard
- 23 Vestibule
- 25 Japan's dollar
- 26 Singer Pearl __
- 28 Most reasonable
- 31 __ up; formed a queue
- 32 Explanatory diagram
- 34 Stranded motorist's need
- 36 __ up; spends
- 37 Construct
- 38 Long story
- 39 Golfer Ernie __
- 40 Wild brawl
- 41 Tea sweetener
- 42 Chaperone
- 44 __-weensy
- 45 In __ heaven; elated
- 46 Actor Tony __
- 47 Church table
- 50 Cattle group
- 51 Cruise or Hanks
- 54 Comforting
- 57 Scrabble piece
- 58 Create
- 59 Untrue
- 60 Dollar bills
- 61 Raced
- 62 Baby hooter
- 63 __ Benedict; fancy breakfast



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- 1 Loyal
- 2 Crocheter's purchase
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- 4 Begley and O'Neill
- 5 Run-down
- 6 __ up; add
- 7 Bylaw
- 8 Feasted
- 9 Small dowel
- 10 Bring into harmony
- 11 Banister
- 12 Clippety-__
- 13 Egg producers
- 19 Representative
- 21 Not up yet
- 24 Bullring shouts
- 25 Three feet
- 26 Indigo or navy
- 27 Bridal path
- 28 On __; offered at a lower price
- 29 Not developing; getting sluggish
- 30 Colosseum garments
- 32 Religious sect
- 33 Go quickly
- 35 Cautious
- 37 Large piece of ice in the sea
- 38 Egyptian canal
- 40 Boggy areas
- 41 Transmit
- 43 Ran after
- 44 Circle with a bull's-eye in it
- 46 Compact
- 47 Weapons
- 48 Jump
- 49 Accept
- 50 "Jack and Jill went up a __..."
- 52 Mr. Cassini
- 53 Clutter
- 55 Eerie saucer, for short
- 56 Uncooked
- 57 Foot digit

Jeans face an uncertain future amid yoga wear rage

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans' obsession with jeans is beginning to wear thin. Jeans long have been a go-to staple in closets across the country. After all, not many pieces of clothing are so comfort-

cent of annual sales at the nation's department stores. But sales of jeans in the U.S. fell 6 percent to \$16 billion during the year that ended in June, according to market research firm NPD Group, while sales of yoga pants and other "active wear" climbed 7 percent

sweatpants.

BIRTH OF THE BLUES

It's one of the few times jeans haven't been at the forefront of what's "trending." Businessman Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis invented jeans in 1873 after getting a patent to create cotton denim workpants with copper rivets in certain areas like the pocket corner to make them stronger. By the 1920s, Levi's original 501 jeans had become top-selling men's workpants, according to Levi's corporate website. Over the next couple of decades, the pants went mainstream. In 1934, Levi's took advantage of the rise in Western movies and launched its first jeans aimed at affluent women who wanted to wear them on dude ranches. Then teens boosted popularity of the pants, first among the greasy-hair-and-leather-jacket set in the 1950s and then, the hippies in the 1960s.

But teens' biggest contribution to jeans' rise was the name itself: Until the 1950s, the pants were called overalls or waist overalls, but in the following decade, teens started referring to them as jeans. During that time, jeans took on a bad-boy image — popularized by teen rebels like James Dean and Marlon Brando — which led many schools to ban kids from wearing them to class.



This product image provided by Levi Strauss shows the company's waist band-less "Perfectly Slimming Pull-On" jeans. Companies, including Levi Strauss, which invented the first pair of blue jeans 141 years ago, acknowledge that the jeans business has been hurt by what the fashion industry dubs the "athleisure" trend. That has led them to create new versions of classic denim that are more "stretchy" and mimic the comfort of sweatpants. (AP Photo/Levi Strauss)

able they can be worn daily, yet versatile enough to be dressed up or down. But sales of the iconic blues fell 6 percent during the past year after decades of almost steady growth. Why? People more often are sporting yoga pants and leggings instead of traditional denim.

The shift is partly due to a lack of new designs since brightly colored skinny jeans were a hit a couple years back. It's also a reflection of changing views about what's appropriate attire for work, school and other places that used to call for more formalwear.

"Yoga pants have replaced jeans in my wardrobe," said Anita Ramaswamy, a Scottsdale, Arizona high-school senior who is buying more leggings and yoga pants than jeans. "You can make it as sexy as skinny jeans and it's more comfortable."

To be sure, the jeans business isn't dead: Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy, estimates denim accounts for 20 per-

cent of annual sales at the

nation's department stores. And Levi Strauss, which invented the first pair of blue jeans 141 years ago, is among jean makers that acknowledge their business has been hurt by what the fashion industry dubs the "athleisure" trend. That's led them to create new versions of classic denim that are more "stretchy" and mimic the comfort of

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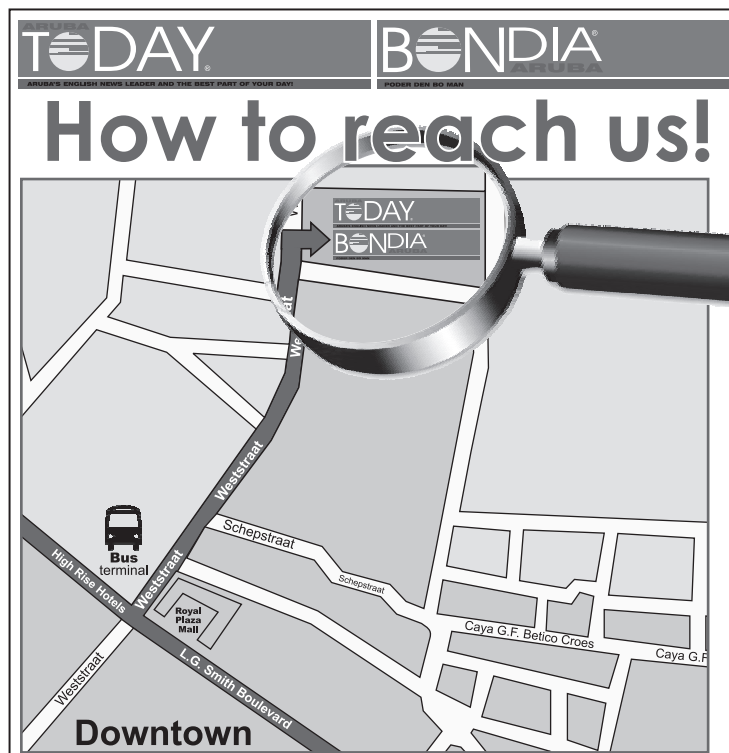
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Argentine dinosaur may shed light on huge beasts

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers studying the remains of an enormous dinosaur — a creature that was bigger than seven bull elephants — have given it an equally colossal name: Dreadnoughtus, or “fearing nothing.”

Scientists hope its unusually well-preserved bones will help reveal secrets about some of the largest animals ever to walk the Earth.

The four-legged beast, with a long neck and powerful 29-foot (8.8-meter) tail, stretched about 85 feet (25.9 meters) long and weighed about 65 tons. That’s more than seven times the weight of even a plus-size male African elephant.

Kenneth Lacovara of Drexel University in Philadelphia, who found the specimen in Argentina’s southern Patagonia in 2005, said he can’t claim it was the most massive dinosaur known, because the remains of comparably sized beasts are too fragmentary to allow a direct comparison.

But it’s the heaviest land animal whose weight during life can be calculated directly with a standard technique that analyzes bones of the upper limbs, he said. And its bones indicate it was still growing when it died.

Lacovara and colleagues describe the plant-eating behemoth in a study released Thursday by the journal *Scientific Reports*. He said the bones were probably around 75 million to 77 million years old.

The creature got some media attention in 2009 when its excavated remains arrived in a large shipping



container at a pier in Philadelphia. Since then, Lacovara and colleagues have created computerized 3D reconstruction of the bones, and have started making miniaturized physical models of parts of the skeleton to investigate how the animal moved.

The bones will be returned next year to Argentina, where they will be housed permanently at a museum, researchers said.

In the new paper, the researchers named the beast *Dreadnoughtus schrani*; the second name refers to an American entrepreneur who supported the research. It belongs to a poorly understood group of dinosaurs called titanosaurs.

Experts not connected with the study said the remains were remarkably complete and well-preserved for a titanosaur. While no complete skull was found, the remains reveal more than 70 percent of the rest



This Aug. 26, 2014, photo shows a humerus bone, right, and a tibia bone from a *Dreadnoughtus schrani* in a lab at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

of the skeleton.

“We’re getting a more complete picture of this giant animal than we have for any of the other big titanosaurs that are out there,” said paleontologist Kristi Curry Rogers of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. The bounty of anatomical data should help scientists learn about variation in titanosaurs and their evolution, she said.

“This is pretty big news,” Rogers said.

Jeff Wilson of the University of Michigan called the finding “a really great

specimen.”

Among the questions it can help scientists investigate, he said, is what kind of anatomical features were needed to let a dinosaur grow so huge.

Last May, other scientists announced that another huge dinosaur was being excavated in Patagonia. Wilson, who has seen some of its bones, said its size is comparable to *Dreadnoughtus*. He said he hopes scientists can determine whether the two beasts are closely related, or whether each came by its huge size

independently.

Paul Upchurch of University College London said he thinks the recently announced dinosaur and another species, *Argentinosaurus*, were more massive than *Dreadnoughtus*. But he called *Dreadnoughtus* valuable for its combination of huge size and the completeness of its skeleton.

“If you’re interested in super gigantic animals, this is probably the one you want to work on” to study how such beasts walked around, Upchurch said. □



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Music acts look to Groupon, LivingSocial for help

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Websites like Groupon have become the go-to place for folks looking for that half-off deal on a manicure, a two-for-one offer for a fancy dinner or that all-inclusive trip that won't break the bank. But increasingly, it's also becoming the place for music fans to scoop up deep discounts on concert tickets, CDs and more for top-name acts.

From big-name acts Arcade Fire to faded performers such as Color Me Badd, the industry is turning to Groupon and LivingSocial to connect with more fans — and sell more products.

Groupon struck a deal with Live Nation in 2011 to help sell out concerts, and a year later, LivingSocial partnered with AEG to do similar work.

"That ability to give this shot of adrenaline to the marketing promotion is a big deal," said Alex Michael, LivingSocial's general manager for its entertainment and restaurants division. "You get massive brand exposure and ultimately you get sales and so that combination is powerful."

Michael said Google informed LivingSocial that after the site offers deals on tickets, regular tickets sales also go up.

"We do it in a big way by delivering it to people's doorsteps and inbox. ... Awareness is probably the biggest issue with people going to stuff," he said.

When selling concert tickets, Groupon typically offers a 30 percent to 45 percent discount. Greg Rudin, vice president and general manager for GrouponLive, said it mainly focused on last-minute inventory when it signed with Live Nation. It took a year to persuade the promoter to let Groupon start selling tickets in advance, and "as a partner, not just when you're in trouble."

"The Groupon audience is significantly broad ... we've reached them in a really simple way, giving them



Employees at Groupon pose in silhouette with the company logo in the lobby of the online coupon company's Chicago offices. Groupon is also increasingly becoming the place for music fans to scoop up deep discounts on concert tickets and CDs of top-name acts.

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the easy opportunity to say yes and buy a ticket on the spot. ... And I think that if we weren't frankly reaching the casual fan that was not necessarily going to buy a ticket anyway, that we wouldn't have a strong relationship with our partners," Rudin said. Business is going so well for Groupon that it doesn't even offer that great of a deal anymore.

"We've increasingly seen that we don't have to discount as much as we might have originally thought we did, and we have a big initiative internally within our group ... to discount less," Rudin said. "The people that buy are not necessarily significantly price sensitive, they just don't know about it."

LivingSocial has sold concert tickets in ways ranging from a one show-deal with Bruce Springsteen to a six-week exclusive to sell tickets for Oprah Winfrey's upcoming tour. Michael said consumers come to the site to buy tickets because of the added value and bundles that are offered.

"Whereas with others sites you may just get a ticket, you may just get a discount, but what we want to provide you with (is) a ticket and an experience or a value item," he said, such as a T-shirt, drink ticket or access to an act's sound check in a bundle deal. "Everyone wants something that's a little more personalized these days."

LivingSocial worked with platinum-selling rock band Switchfoot last year when it offered a concert ticket

latest album with tickets. "These are our opportunities, through LivingSocial specifically, that we've used this last year to reach more people and to let people know what we're doing," Switchfoot drummer Chad Butler said. "We're reaching people that have never been to a Switchfoot concert ... or recognize our band's name."

Rapper Wiz Khalifa, who has partnered with Groupon for tour dates, said he was open when the idea of working together presented itself.

"I liked the idea of it because there are tons of people who are too busy or they're out of the loop," he said. "So it makes it much easier (for fans)."

Groupon has also sold CDs. Last year, it offered two of commercially struggling singer Ciara's albums for \$13.99. Groupon is currently selling Beyonce's best-selling latest album, her HBO documentary and a live concert DVD as a bundle for \$49.99.

Rudin said the company is looking for more ways to package deals — maybe even becoming the go-to place for debuting music.

"A lot of times if people are fans already they've got the album, so we're looking for new content, and we're kind of in the process now where we're trying to convince folks if there is a new single, they should release it through us along with selling tickets," he said. □

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Meredith Vieira back in daytime TV

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Meredith Vieira took the microphone and addressed the audience before cameras were turned on at a recent taping of her daytime talk show. She had a mock confession to make.

"It's really scary starting a new show," she said. "I've been doing a lot of drinking."

Just like that, the audience was in her lap — and she didn't even have to buy a round. Her bawdy personality and easy familiarity with the rhythms of daytime television give "The Meredith Vieira Show" a genuine shot in the tough world of daytime television. The syndicated show premieres Monday.

Vieira, 60, who left the "Today" show in 2011 and wrapped up her time as host of the syndicated "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" last year, found that she wasn't ready to give up the spotlight.

"I realized there were things that I missed, like connecting to people, which is very much the 'Today' show and

very much 'The View,'" she said in her backstage office after taping two episodes recently. "I just hadn't had enough."

She had several offers to start a show. She wasn't enthusiastic, since many ideas were variations of "The View," where she appeared from 1997 to 2006.



In this July 13, 2014 file photo Meredith Vieira attends the NBC 2014 Summer TCA in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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The idea of doing something small originating from her house appealed to her. To her husband, not so much.

Instead, he donated a ratty recliner and couch from the couple's family room for the set at NBC's Rockefeller Plaza headquarters. Fam-

ily pictures create a homey feel, as homey as a cavernous room with cameras and rows of seats for an audience can feel.

Jennifer Lopez is her first guest, with Seth Rogen, Jessica Alba and Howie Mandel also scheduled for opening week. During the recent taping, the content

game with celebrity names. One unfortunate choice was "Stall Talk," a silly interview filmed in a bathroom with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb, proving some private inner sanctums should remain so.

The set and subject matter indicate that "The Meredith Vieira Show" is being designed to complement successful daytime programs hosted by Steve Harvey and Ellen DeGeneres, said Bill Carroll, an expert on the syndication market for Katz Media. The three shows will appear together on the afternoon schedules on NBC-owned local stations.

"All of these things say that it's not meant to be overly serious," Carroll said. "It's not that they won't deal with topics of consequence, but the tone will be lighter than a lot of other shows have been. I think that's a wise choice. I think that's where the audience is right now." Katie Couric, Anderson Cooper and Jane Pauley are among the news-oriented personalities who didn't succeed in daytime talk in recent years. Vieira, a former "60 Minutes" cor-

respondent, has a news background, too. Unlike the others, she's familiar with the daytime market and vice versa.

Not only is her name on the show, but Vieira is also heavily invested in the planning. Rich Sirop, her producer at "Millionaire," is one of three executive producers, despite nervousness by her distributors about his lack of talk-show experience. Vieira and her agent are the other two executive producers.

She hired Everett Bradley, a percussionist for Bruce Springsteen, to lead an all-female band. Her on-air sidekick is Jon Harris, a public relations executive whose chief qualification is being Vieira's buddy. "I didn't want a fake friend," she said. "I wanted a real friend."

Vieira's show is the most heavily anticipated in the syndication market this season, so if it fails, it's on her. Perhaps her age or track record provides her with perspective about its fortunes. "If it works, great," she said. "If it doesn't, it's not the end of the world." □

VENICE WATCH:

Bald James Franco turns heads

VENICE, Italy (AP) — James Franco was hailed as a visionary filmmaker as his latest directorial effort screened at the Venice Film Festival Friday. But everyone was talking about his head.

The unpredictable actor-director has shaved off his hair for his role as a movie obsessive in "Zeroville," and appeared on the red carpet with a fake tattoo of Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Cliff on the back of his head.

Franco was given the festival's "Glory to the Filmmaker Award" in recognition of his work, and used the ceremony to shoot scenes for the new, '70s-set film. He was filmed taking the stage in front of a sign for the 35th

Venice Film Festival, which took place in 1977.

Franco told the AP the movie — adapted from Steve Erickson's novel — was about "a guy who is so enamored with movies that they become a religion to him." It follows his quixotic journey through 1970s and '80s Hollywood, and includes a scene set at a film festival.

Franco's William Faulkner adaptation "The Sound and the Fury" is screening out-of-competition at this year's Venice festival.

It's his second Faulkner adaptation, after "As I Lay Dying," and the latest evidence of Franco's prodigious work rate. He has a slew of projects in the pipeline, including a movie he's



Actor and director James Franco poses for photographers as he arrives to receive the Glory To The Filmmaker Award during the 71st edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.

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directed about cult writer Charles Bukowski, and is also working on a PhD. But Franco, 36, said he is not a driven man.

"I think my endeavors used to be driven by more of a need to prove myself," he said. "But nowadays it's not the same. I have enough

work I've done that I'm proud of, and will always be proud of. I don't have that same young man's need to make a name for myself." □

The Revolt of the Week



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The toughest part of governing is the effect on the mind of those who govern. As Henry Kissinger said, once you get in government you are not building up human capital; you are just spending it down. People in senior positions are simply too busy to learn fundamental new viewpoints. Their minds are locked within the ones they brought into power. Then there is the problem of myopia. People at the top of government confront such a barrage of immediate small issues - from personnel to scheduling - that it is hard for them to step back and see the overall context in which they operate.

Finally, there is the problem of the bunker. People in power are hit with such an avalanche of criticism - much of it partisan and ill-informed - that they naturally build mental walls to protect themselves from abuse. All of which makes it hard to govern now. We are not living in a moment of immediate concrete threat, but we are in a crisis of context.

The specific problems that make headlines right now are not cataclysmic. The venture by President Vladimir Putin of Russia into Ukraine, for all its thuggery, is not, in itself, a cataclysmic historical event. The civil war in Syria, for all its savagery, is not a problem that threatens the daily lives of those who live outside.

These problems are medium-size, but the underlying frameworks by which nations operate are being threatened in fairly devastating ways. That is to say, there are certain unconscious habits and norms of restraint that undergird civilization. These habits and norms are now being challenged by a coalition of the unsuccessful.

What we're seeing around the world is a revolt of the weak. There are certain weak movements and nations, beset by internal contradictions, that can't compete if they play by the normal rules of civilization. Therefore, they are conspiring to blow up the rule book.

The first example is Russia. Putin is poor in legitimacy. He is poor in his ability to deliver goods and dignity for his people. But he is rich in brazenness. He is rich in his ability to play by the lawlessness of the jungle, so he wants the whole world to operate by jungle rules.

There has been a norm, gener-

ally operating over the past few decades, or even centuries, that big, powerful nations don't gobble up everything around them just because they can. But this is precisely the norm that Putin is brazenly crushing under foot. If Putinism can effectively tear down this norm, more and more we'll live in a world in which brazenness is rewarded and self-restraint is punished.

Then there are the Islamist movements like the Islamic State. This movement is poor in offering a lifestyle that most people find attractive. But it is strong in spiritual purity, so it wants to set off a series of religious wars and have the world organized by religious categories.

There has been a norm, developed gradually over the centuries, that politics is not a totalistic spiritual enterprise. Governments try to deliver order and economic benefits to people, but they do not organize their inner spiritual lives.

This is precisely the norm that Islamic State and other jihadi groups are trying to destroy. If they succeed, then the Middle East will devolve into a 30 year war of faith against faith. Zealotry will be rewarded, and restraint will be punished.

Putin and Islamic State are not threats to U.S. national security, narrowly defined. They are threats to our civilizational order. If you are caught up in that day-to-day business of government, you are likely to see how weak Putin and Islamic State are. You are likely to conclude that you don't need to do much, because these threats will inevitably succumb on their own to their internal contradictions. But their weakness is their driving power; they only need to tear things down, and, unopposed, will do so.

People who conduct foreign policy live today under the shadow of the postwar era. People instinctively understand that just after World War II, Harry Truman, George Marshall, Dean Acheson and others did something remarkable. They stepped outside the immediate crush of events and constructed a context in which people would live for the next several decades.

Some of the problems they faced did not seem gigantic: how to prevent a Communist insurgency from taking over a semifaired government in Greece. But they understood that by projecting American power into Greece, they would be establishing certain norms and creating a framework for civilization.

Then, democratic self-confidence was high. Today, unfortunately, it is low. This summer, the bad guys have looked energetic while the good guys have looked tired. We'll see at the NATO summit meeting in Wales this week if there's a leader who can step outside the crush of events and explain how fundamental the threat to the rules of civilization now is.



Ready, Aim, Fire. Not Fire, Ready, Aim.



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President Barack Obama has been excoriated for declaring that "we don't have a strategy yet" for effectively confronting the Islamic State group. In criticizing Obama for taking too much time, Rep. Mike Rogers, the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, told "Fox News Sunday" that "this 'don't-do-stupid-stuff' policy isn't working." That sounded odd to my ear - like we should just bomb somebody, even if it is stupid. If Obama did that, what would he be ignoring?

First, experience. After 9/11 that sort of "fire, ready, aim" approach led George W. Bush to order a ground war in Iraq without sufficient troops to control the country, without a true grasp of Iraq's Shiite-Sunni sectarian dynamics and without any realization that, in destroying the Sunni Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the Sunni Baathist regime in Iraq, we were destroying both of Iran's mortal enemies and thereby opening the way for a vast expansion of Iran's regional influence. We were in a hurry, myself included, to change things after 9/11, and when you're in a hurry you ignore complexities that come back to haunt you later.

There are no words to describe the vileness of the video beheadings of two U.S. journalists by the Islamic State, but I have no doubt that they're meant to get us to overreact, à la 9/11, and rush off again without a strategy. The Islamic State is awful, but it is not a threat to America's homeland.

Second, the context. To defeat the Islamic State, you have to

address the context out of which it emerged. And that is the three civil wars raging in the Arab world today: the civil war within Sunni Islam between radical jihadists and moderate mainstream Sunni Muslims and regimes; the civil war across the region between Sunnis funded by Saudi Arabia and Shiites funded by Iran; and the civil war between Sunni jihadists and all other minorities in the region: Yazidis, Turkmen, Kurds, Christians, Jews and Alawites.

When you have a region beset by that many civil wars at once, it means there is no center, only sides. And when you intervene in the middle of a region with no center, you very quickly become a side.

The Islamic State emerged as an extreme expression of resentment by one side: Iraqi and Syrian Sunnis who felt cut out of power and resources by the pro-Iranian Shiite regime in Baghdad and the pro-Iranian Alawite/Shiite regime in Damascus. That is why Obama keeps insisting that the United States' military intervention must be accompanied, for starters, by Iraqis producing a national unity government - of mainstream Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds - so our use of force supports pluralism and power-sharing, not just Shiite power.

But power-sharing doesn't come easy in a region where kinship and sectarian loyalties overwhelm any sense of shared citizenship. Without it, though, the dominant philosophy is either: "I am strong, why should I compromise?" or "I am weak, how can I compromise?" So any onslaught we make on the Islamic State, absent national unity governments, will have Shiites saying the former and Sunnis saying the latter. That's why this is complicated.

And this is a sectarian power struggle. Consider a Times article last week about how the Islamic State is actually being led by a combination of jihadists and disgruntled Sunni Iraqi Baathist army officers, who were shoved aside either by us or by Iraq's Shiite-dominated governments.

The Times article noted: "After the Islamic State stormed into Mosul, one (Shiite Iraqi) official recalled a startling phone call from a (Sunnite) former major general in one of Saddam's elite forces. The former general had appealed months earlier to rejoin the Iraqi army, but the official had refused. Now the general was fighting for Islamic State and threatened revenge. 'We will reach you soon, and I will chop you into pieces,' he said, according to the official, Bikhitar al-Qadi, of the commission that bars some former members of Saddam's Baath Party from government posts." □

Repeat after me: "We will reach you soon, and I will chop you into pieces." That is what we are dealing with here - multiple, venomous civil wars that are the breeding ground of the Islamic State cancer.

Third, our allies are not fully allies: While the Saudi, Qatari and Kuwaiti governments are pro-American, wealthy Sunni individuals, mosques and charities in these countries are huge sources of funds, and fighters, for the Islamic State.

As for Iran, if we defeat the Islamic State, it would be the third time since 2001 that we've defeated a key Sunni counterbalance to Iran - first the Taliban, then Saddam, now the Islamic State. That is not a reason not to do it, but it is reason to do it in a way that does not distract us from the fact that Iran's nuclear program also needs to be defused, otherwise it could undermine the whole global nonproliferation regime. Tricky. I'm all-in on destroying the Islamic State. It is a sick, destabilizing movement. I support using U.S. air power and special forces to root it out, but only as part of a coalition, where everybody who has a stake in stability there pays their share and where mainstream Sunnis and Shiites take the lead by demonstrating that they hate the Islamic State more than they hate each other. Otherwise, we'll end up in the middle of a godawful mess of duplicitous allies and sectarian passions, and nothing good we do will last.

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